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New Computer Policy Implemented For Network

By Erin Rodman
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This week marked the debut of the new computing and network policy, now a part of the 1997-1999 student handbook. All users of the campus network will have to accept this policy during the week of Sept. 15 to Sept. 22 by logging into an on-campus personal computer, not a Macintosh, located in an academic building and clicking on an acceptance statement. All those who do not accept this new policy will lose their logins, passwords and all access to the network.

"It's like a pledge. The Honor System here is very big and taken very seriously, and we're being a part of that," said Herbert Beck, the assistant director of network services.

On Sept. 2, a memo issued to all students by Vice President for Academic Affairs Phil Hall stated that the Board of Visitors ruled that the College limit network usage to those who have electronically accepted and understand the new policy and are aware of their user responsibilities.

Beginning Sept. 15 at 8 a.m., a new window containing

an acceptance statement will appear on the screen after users are logged in. To accept the new policy, users of the network will simply have to click the accept button in the window once.

"I think some kind of policy was necessary, for legal reasons, to protect the college and the integrity of the network," said Dr. Gardner Campbell, assistant professor of English, linguistics and speech.

Campbell incorporates the use of the college's network into his classes so students are required to become familiar with it and use it for academic purposes.

The policy contains the privileges and responsibilities that come with the use of the network. The privileges include the user's right to privacy, safety and intellectual freedom.

While students' e-mail remains private, faculty and staff are not subject to the same privilege.

"Faculty and staff must be aware that computer generated documents are 'public records,' subject to provisions of Virginia's Freedom of Information statutes," the policy states.

While no one can access someone else's mailbox, that does not mean mail is private for college employees.

"The section on 'public records' is very interesting to me. E-mail does not delete from the computer when you delete it. It exists on back up tapes. I'm sure this is not to catch people doing something wrong but as records if something happens," said Campbell.

Essentially, this means that the snide remark Person X made about Person Y in what they thought was a private message is still on tape in G.W. Campbell said.

The only other circumstance under which MWC can view user's files is if the user is suspected of ignoring or abusing his rights on the network. In this case, the administration has the right to view specific files.

The safety ensured in the new policy gives users the right to seek outside intervention if they are receiving undesired mail.

"Any complaint of offensive e-mail will result in an investigation and the dean of students [Hall] makes the decision on how to proceed," said Beck.

According to Beck, only if a student receives something can they contact authorities, who stated that the policy refers mostly to student hackers or obscene

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Jessica Moore/Bullet

Junior Todd Hamlin checks his e-mail on the new MWC network. The new policy must be accepted by the week of Sept. 22.

MWC Rewards Farmer With Doctorate

By Jason Schultz
Bulletin Asst. News Editor

James Farmer, distinguished professor of history and American studies at Mary Washington College and former civil rights leader, received an honor from MWC at commencement last year for his literary achievements.

On April 17, 1997, the college presented Farmer, who had been recovering from serious health problems related to diabetes, an honorary doctoral degree in the field of humane letters. Farmer explained that this award was for the book that he wrote in 1985 entitled *Lay Bare the Heart*, an account of his struggles in the field of civil rights over the past several decades.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the place where one works," Farmer

said, "and I am very appreciative of this honor."

The decision concerning the degree was made in a faculty meeting last spring, according to the Chair of the History Department Porter Blakemore, who was involved in the decision.

"It was brought up in a meeting last spring, and I discussed it with the dean, at that time the dean of faculty [Barbara Palmer] and the provost [Phil Hall]. Everybody said it was a good idea. It was a well deserved honor and certainly something the college should have done," Blakemore said.

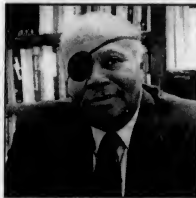
This degree may not be the only award Farmer receives this year. Last spring the Bulletin reported that President Clinton was considering Farmer for the Presidential Medal of Freedom which would recognize

Farmer's years of struggle to achieve equal rights for minority groups in this country. These efforts include the originating of the "sit-in" method of protest in the 1940s, and the leadership of the Congress of Racial Equality.

This year's recipients of the medal will be decided upon entirely by the President. Farmer said that Clinton had just returned from vacation and should make his decisions concerning the medal winners within the next few weeks. If Farmer is to win the award, an announcement will be made through a press release in October, Farmer said.

The medal would be presented to him in a ceremony in late November.

As all this has been going on, Farmer has been recovering from the loss of his left leg and his vision due



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James Farmer

to diabetes. According to Farmer, his health, especially his blood sugar, fluctuates.

"I'm not in control of my life right now," he said. "Diabetes is in control."

Despite these troubles, Farmer has returned to teaching at MWC and said

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More Clubs Cut Budget

By Chevonne Bray
Bulletin Staff Writer

An increase in the number of clubs forced the finance committee to cut all club budgets by 7.5 percent this year. Although the finance committee was allotted more money, the arrival of several new clubs restricted the amount of money distributed.

Cedric Rucker, dean of student activities, attributes the budget adjustments to a growth in the campus club community. Though the committee received more money, the larger pool of club budgets has already nearly exhausted that reserve.

The finance committee was allotted \$325,000 by the Office of Business and Finance for the 1995-1996 school. Last year the committee was given \$342,000. This year's budget was increased by \$18,000.

The club budgets come from the comprehensive fee that students pay at the beginning of the year.

Though this fee sets up the committee's capital, Renee Adler, chair of the committee, believes that the Office of Business and Finance dipped in to other sources in order to give the committee an increase in funds.

"Finance committee is starting with \$25,000 less than last year, and they [the committee] were hurting last year," said Adler. She explained that the committee had to reallocate funds from all the clubs into their general fund.

The general fund is money that is reserved for clubs if they need to go to conferences or bring in speakers.

Adler explained club executives

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Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Angels In A Centerfold?

Freshman Matt Blamey and sophomore Kevin Dunnill, under the spell of hypnotist Tom Deluca, pose "in the buff" to the packed crowd in Dodd Auditorium last Sunday. At the show's highlight, the students who volunteered to be hypnotized by Deluca believed themselves to be completely naked in front of the delirious crowd.

Residence Halls Receive Graduate Leaders

By Jenine M. Zimmers
Bulletin Associate Editor

This year not all resident assistants have to answer to a head resident. RAs in Alvey, New, Virginia, Ball, Madison and Cushtis Halls work under graduate resident directors, a new position created by the Office of Residence Life.

"Graduate resident directors are responsible for the development of a supportive, functioning environment within their assigned areas," said Rick Surita, director of the Office of Residence Life.

According to Page Babcock, a 1988 MWC graduate and one of the three GRDs, the position is very similar to that of a head resident.

"The only difference is that we are graduate students instead of Mary Washington students," Babcock said.

However, two of the three GRDs have yet to find a graduate school. Matthew Gardzina is the only GRD currently attending school, at Catholic University. Gardzina was unavailable for comment.

Babcock and Andre Clanton, the third of the GRDs, are still searching for schools.

"I'm pursuing graduate education at Virginia Commonwealth University," Clanton said.

According to Clanton, the GRDs are expected, but not required, to start school in January.

"If for some reason I'm not able to start [in January], I'm sure we'll have some sort of discussion of plans then," he said.

In the meantime, the GRDs are keeping themselves busy. The trio moved in prior to HR training which began in early August. Directly after came RA training. GRDs

participated in both.

The GRDs are expected to fulfill the same duties as HRs with some extra responsibilities. The GRDs may be eligible for a \$700 to \$1000 stipend by working with additional departments or programs on campus.

All three GRDs are taking advantage of the stipend this year. According to Clanton, he is working with the Judicial Affairs Office while Babcock and Gardzina help with Campus recreation and alcohol awareness, respectively.

The remaining GRD responsibilities involve working with residents and staff. All GRDs have a staff of nine to 15 RAs and supervise anywhere from 180 to 300 residents. Gardzina and Clanton supervise more than one residence hall, which is one slight difference from the job of an HR. The GRDs are expected to complete cultural programs and develop the community.

"The Office of Residence Life and Housing is committed to education for citizenship and leadership," Surita said.

According to Surita, the graduate resident director program is designed to help participants prepare for future positions.

"This program is a unique preparation program for future student affairs administrators with a strong emphasis on active learning," he said.

Not all of the graduate resident directors have a background in residence life affairs. The new position is Babcock's first experience with a residence life position, but she said her background in managing and supervising people gives her the skills to get the job done.

"I'm enjoying working with the students on campus a great deal," she said.

Babcock said she is learning to deal with the new aspects of the position.

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-Rick Surita,
Director of Residence Life

"Sometimes I get calls in the middle of the night," she said. "I think that just comes with the territory."

Since the GRD position is new as of this academic year, the role of the three graduate students is still developing, Clanton said.

"The position is still being defined this year," he said. "It opens up the opportunity for individuals to gain experience in residence life."

Several head residents are enjoying the graduate resident directors' presence on campus. Senior Jayme Morris, head resident of Westmorland Hall, said the new three new employees are a refreshing element.

"They bring in a new perspective to residence life," Morris said. "They're really an asset to our staff."

Police Beat

By Chevrone Bray
Bulletin Staff Writer

INJURY/ILLNESS

On Sept. 3 a student tripped over a chain in front of Bushnell Hall. The student complained of hip injury and was taken to the hospital by the rescue squad.

On Sept. 3 a student injured their finger after dropping a weight in Goolrick Hall. The student was taken to the hospital by the rescue squad.

On Sept. 4 there was a vomiting student in Marshall Hall. The student refused treatment.

On Sept. 10 a visiting rugby team member suffered a shoulder injury at the Battleground. The player was transported to the hospital by rescue squad.

DUI/DIP

On Sept. 4 Alonzo Albert Coe was arrested for DIP at The Clean Machine car wash. Apparently Coe and another person were breaking into a coin box and rummaging through trash. The other person was arrested by Fredericksburg Police.

MISC.

On Sept. 4 a depressed student walked into college police headquarters and stated that she wanted to kill herself. The person was under a doctor's care for depression. The situation was handled by a Residence Life representative.

On Sept. 10 there was an odor of smoke on the third floor of Combs Hall. The odor was suspected to have been caused by an electrical light fixture.

On Sept. 10 a threatening message was left on the message board of a student living in Bushnell Hall. Residence Life and the college police are investigating the matter.

On Sept. 10 there was a fire alarm in Russell Hall. The alarm was caused by burnt food.

On Sept. 10 Johnathan D. Middleton of Fredericksburg was arrested for possession of marijuana at Fall Hill Avenue and Route One.

On Sept. 10 a student filed a report with police about alleged harassing behavior against another student. The situation was referred to the dean of students and Office of Residence Life.

On Sept. 10 a suspicious white male was seen distributing literature in the Woodard Campus Center on Monday. After a police background check it was found that the subject had a mental history but was not considered violent.

On Sept. 10 there was a fire alarm in the Woodard Student Center. Apparently an unknown person activated a pull station without cause.

On Sept. 10, there was an administrative seizure of alcohol in Mason Hall by the Office of Residence Life.

LARCENY

On Sept. 4 some clothes were stolen from a Seacobeck Hall locker room. The stolen items are valued at \$55. The locker was unlocked.

On Sept. 10 an MWC ID was lost or stolen in a restaurant in Fredericksburg.

VANDALISM

On Sept. 3 a large piece of concrete railing from the Randolph/Mason patio was thrown into the drive behind the buildings. The cost of the damages is unknown.

On Sept. 5 a college lawnmower struck a parked car in the Mayre House parking lot. There was minor damage to the front bumper of the vehicle. As of yet there are no estimates for the damages.

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messages.

Judicial Review Board has had to incorporate into their system a new procedure on how to deal with user violations. Currently, sanctioned students will report directly to the Office of Judicial Affairs and the dean of students and bypass a trial.

President of Judicial Review Board Beth Moss could not be reached for comment.

Campbell said that harassment in any form of communication is possible.

"A prank could be misconstrued as interfering with the network and considered a nuisance, but there is no rule in [the policy] about being a nuisance. This gives a megaphone to people who want to play a prank. E-mail can be equal to graffiti, and I hope people don't yield to that temptation," Campbell said.

The new policy also grants users the right to intellectual freedom with the network as the user's arena.

The handbook stated, "The network is a free and open forum for the expression of ideas, including viewpoints that are strange, unorthodox, or unpopular." No sanctions can be delivered based on a user's self-expression alone. Campbell agrees with the policy condoning freedom of expression.

"People can say outrageous things on the network and that alone is not grounds for sanctioning," Campbell said.

Along with the privileges the network offers come many restrictions, and violation of these restrictions will result in a user's suspension of access to the network.

The restrictions include unauthorized copyrighting, distribution of pornography, breaking through security loopholes, misrepresentation and the spread of viruses. In addition, the policy explicitly states that users may not "infringe upon the rights of another person" or disrespect the rights of other users with a college-owned computer.

One of the policy restrictions that will cut down on the amount of e-mail received by network states that users may not utilize the college's computer systems or networks for solicitation or commercial purposes, including all solicitations for community or charity organizations. There is no mention of a restriction concerning the use of e-mail as a campus advertising system which Computer and Network Services cannot prevent.

"It's hard to monitor that [e-mail]. It's like getting flyers in the mail; you throw them away," Beck said.

Beck outlined some ways to protect users from policy violations.

"The more passwords you have, the better. Always protect yourself. Create your own [passwords] for Groupwise and continuously change them," he said.

Campbell had his own advice about the network and all Internet sources.

"It's a funny thing. E-mail feels like a telephone call, unless someone recorded it, once it's over, it's over. But e-mail is different. It's living somewhere," he said, adding that caution must be used on network transactions because old e-mail can always be brought back against the users.

"The college needs to make that clear in the policy," Campbell said.

Tuition charges pay for the annual upkeep and maintenance of the network, but an extra charge of \$40 is required for the installation of the network on any dorm room computer.

"Second semester of my sophomore year I was finally

allowed on the network from my dorm room, but I had to buy the interface card and software necessary to hook it up," said Lindsey Parrish, a senior.

"No computer person was available to install it for me and I had to pay a student. That all cost between \$120-\$130, and now I have to pay \$40 more to Computer and Network Services to reconfigure it for now," she said.

Beck stated that the use of an outside contractor and a \$40 charge for installation is worth it if students can get on-line from their dorm rooms more quickly.

"With this contractor, we got 500 plus students in a few weeks instead of only getting to a few students and taking all semester," Beck said.

With the new systems installed in computers campus wide, it should be easy to accept the new policy next week. However, students cannot accept from their dorm rooms. They must log on to one of the computers in the academic buildings.

In a June 16 memorandum to faculty and staff from Hall, future plans were outlined for the addition of full-time instructional technology resource personnel called Instructional Technology Liaisons. One will be assigned to each academic building to be on-site to deal with the education of users and troubleshooting.

In the memo, Hall encouraged MWC to move toward the future.

"It's time for the College to move on to GroupWise e-mail and away from 'telephone tag' or ordinary mail on paper, as it's primary and preferred mode of interface communication," the memo stated.

Among the benefits of this transition Hall listed convenience, speed and paper conservation.

"This policy is good because of the technology for we can provide for students. Each year it gets better and better and becomes more capable of doing things on-line," Beck said.

Deborah Sampson, program support technician senior, is a student and employee of the college and purchases new equipment for the campus.

"It is needed and people need to know their rights and what's expected of them. I don't see any reason people could get offended by it," Sampson said.

"We are all looking for the 'gotcha' in this. The fact of the matter is, the college must have the policy. The policy is no more restrictive than it needs to be. I don't see anything nefarious," said Campbell.

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that he has no plans at all for retirement in the near future.

"I'll be here until the college and I decide otherwise," Farmer joked. "What else am I going to do? I'm 77 years old, totally blind, and legless. I can't go out and get married."

Blakemore stated that he has been and continues to be a valuable asset to the school.

Senior Garth Gregor had Farmer for Introduction to Civil Rights his freshman year and said the experience was like no other.

"It was amazing having a civil rights legend as your teacher. MWC is lucky to have him on staff," he said.

News Briefs

• From Sept. 5 to Oct. 26 the Ridderhof Martin Gallery and the duPont Gallery will have an exhibition entitled "Mid-Atlantic New Painting '97." The galleries' hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibition is free of charge.

• On Sept. 18 "Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write," an internationally acclaimed play for one actor based on the life of Nobel Prize-winning author William Faulkner, will be performed by John Maxwell in Dodd Auditorium in George Washington Hall. The play will begin at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge.

• John McKay Camp, professor of classics at Randolph Macon College, will give a lecture entitled "Recent Discoveries in the Agora: The Market Place of Ancient Athens" in Trinkle Hall, Room 204 at 5 p.m. on Sept. 23. There is no charge for the lecture.

• The comedy "You Can't Take It With You" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman will be performed in Klein Theatre in duPont Hall on Sept. 25-27 and Oct. 2-4 at 8 p.m. and on Sept. 28 and Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. The price of admission is \$6 for general public and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Call (540) 654-1124 for ticket information.

• The 8th Annual Little Welsh Festival and Open House will take place on Sept. 27 on the 900 block of Charles Street and inside the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library. The festival, sponsored by the Welsh Society of Fredericksburg and the James Monroe Museum, will run from noon to 4 p.m. and the Open House will run from noon to 5 p.m. The festival will include Welsh singing, dancing and storytelling to recall Monroe's mother, Elizabeth Jones. Donations are requested, adults \$1, children \$.50. Questions, (540) 654-1043.

• Applications for *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* are available at the information desk in Woodard Campus Center, and in the Office of Student Affairs in 200 Lee Hall. Seniors and juniors who have acceptable academic average with co-curricular activities are eligible to apply. Students may apply by completing and returning an application; it is not necessary to be nominated. Applications are to be completed and returned to the Office of Student Affairs by 5 p.m. on October 17, 1997.

• Celebrate the freedom to read during Banned Book Week. Join in the activities planned for Wednesday,

Sept. 24. At 7:30 p.m. watch a real book burning reenactment on campus walk in front of The Underground. At 8 p.m. read a passage from your favorite banned/challenged book at The Underground. Read alone or with a friend. Sign-up sheet available at the campus bookstore. For more info call X1652.

• ICA new club formation workshops will be held on Sept. 18, Oct. 16 or Nov. 13. They will cover step-by-step process for getting a new club approved, including how to create your constitution. All workshops will begin at 4 p.m. in meeting room 2 of the campus center. Contact Melissa Rizzo, ICA president, at X1805 with questions or to register for one of the workshops.

• The Inter-club Association is the coordinating organization that recognizes new clubs and supervises all officially recognized MWC clubs. Open positions for the 1997-1998 school year include vice president, secretary/treasurer and the five members of the constitution review committee. Applications are available at the information desk. Contact Melissa Rizzo, ICA president, at X1805 with any questions. The only requirements are energy, enthusiasm and a commitment to completing tasks within a specified time frame.

• The Legislative Action Committee is sponsoring its 2nd annual Voter Information Night to be held in the Great Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd from 7 to 9 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about and meet some of the candidates running in local and state elections. For more information contact Sarah Gilbert in the SGA office at X1150.

• On Oct. 4 a South American folkloric ballet company will perform a dance concert entitled "Glimpses of Latin America." The concert will take place in Lee Hall Ballroom at 7 p.m. The concert is free. Questions, (540) 654-1044.

• On Oct. 6 Antonio R. Flores, president of Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, will give a lecture entitled, "Demography is Destiny: The Challenges and Opportunities of Hispanic Leadership in the 21st Century" at 7 p.m. in the Red Room of Woodard Campus Center. The lecture is free. Questions, (540) 654-1044.

• The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra will give a free concert on Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. Questions, (540) 654-1012.

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were notified by a letter that their budget requests from last spring were only tentative and could be subject to change.

More clubs contributed to the depletion of funds this semester.

"Everybody else is requesting money and new people are requesting money and there is not enough [money]," Adler said.

The clubs were informed of their final allocations for this year at finance committee workshops held on Sept. 9 and Sept. 10. Club responses were generally positive. "I don't blame anybody," said Jennifer Evans, co-program director of the Trek Club.

Club executives are modifying their agendas to compensate for the adjustment to their budgets.

Adler explained the dilemma the finance committee was in and urged people to get their requests in to the committee early in the semester. She also urged clubs to actively fundraise in order to alleviate their dependence on the diminishing general fund.

"We got a pretty decent allotment," said Rock Climbing Club President Mike Smith, but he was aware that it would put some constraints on the club.

Some clubs may not be able to fundraise as others.

"When you are pre-med, you are really concerned about grades, and it is really hard to fundraise," said John Greven, president of the Pre-Med Club.

The state of the Finance Committee is a concern to club leaders.

Rachel Collins, president of Women Of Color and assistant features editor for the Bulletin, is wary that money is fleeting. Collins fears that when she goes to the committee for more money, there will not be any.

With finances tight this year the clubs will have to be very frugal with their spending.

"We are probably going to have to keep money in mind," said Evans.

Evans believes that their club may have to fundraise in order for their members to be able to go on all of their trips. Smith agrees with Evans' assessment.

"We have to put more emphasis on fundraising," said Smith.

Some clubs are positive about the upcoming semester and what it holds.

"We were kind of expecting it. It will hurt, but we will survive," said Ryan Macmichael, general manager of WMWC campus radio station and Bulletin staff writer.

Some are apprehensive about future plans.

"Finance committee is no longer the safety net that it used to be and without that safety net we are left with very few options that will bring enough money for costly events," Collins said.

Corrections

• Photo credit for the Features story, "Volunteers Flock to Madison," was wrong last week. Diana May took the photograph.

• In the article, "New Year, New Art: New Painting '97," Christopher Stevens' painting "Constellations" was incorrectly referred to as "Constellation."

• The reference to a Scholar-in-Residence Program in the article on Rick Surita and Mayre House was in error. Student Affairs has two programs in residence which involve faculty: "Scholar-in-Residence" and "Visiting Faculty-in-Residence." The Scholar-in-Residence Program is administered by the Office of Residence Life and consists of MWC teaching faculty living for a year in an apartment in a residence hall, interacting with the students and developing programming. The Visiting Faculty-in-Residence Program is administered directly through my office. It is the Visiting Faculty-in-Residence Program which will be funding faculty from other campuses to come to MWC for several days and, while hosted Rick Surita, they will teach and work with Mary Washington students.

OPINIONS

Gen Ed Needs More Ed

General education requirements serve two purposes: to broaden the knowledge of a student and provide the chance for a student to sample different majors before actually declaring. MWC has just taken one of these benefits from freshmen.

Instead of moving on to college, freshmen have returned to high school courtesy of administration. In high school we all received the same education. We all took U.S. history, math, and a foreign language with the hope of getting into college and studying what we want. Now the power of choice has been taken away. Students at MWC, contrary to popular belief, are not all the same and therefore should not receive the same educational experience. The college experience is what students make of it. Why should they all be forced to experience the same thing?

The new modern foreign language requirement goes above and beyond the ridiculous, however. While the administration at the same time has cut deeply into Modern Foreign Language and has cut the Russian department all together, they are increasing enrollment by not allowing students with four years of a language in high school to place out of the language requirement. Two words: Hello, Germania!

Finally, a word about global intensive, oral communication intensive and the rest of those intense requirements. While the importance of classes that offer a diversified view of the world is duly noted, students must do gymnastics to plan their schedule to incorporate all of these classes. One needs a college education just to make sense of all this.

Policy Protects Students

The new policy concerning Computer and Network usage was released this week as an addition to the Student Handbook. The new policy requires all students to accept the new "responsibilities" via computer and if students do not do so between Sept. 15-22, their login and password access will be denied. After Sept. 22, students will have to go to the Office of Computer and Network Services and electronically accept the policy.

It seems that yet again the student body is being restricted and ignored, having to become familiar with a new system. But before we fight this new policy, which is technically just an arm of the honor system, let's be sure that we actually have a reason to be on the defensive.

The new policy does nothing but enable the students of MWC to use regulations to protect themselves from annoying and harmful e-mail. The policy outlaws chain-letters, commercial advertising, and solicitation, which will greatly reduce the amount of junk mail each student receives on a daily basis. Certain types of pornography accessed through violation of the law is not allowed. These are not negative things.

The policy also contains regulations against copyrighting, viruses, hackers, breaking security loopholes, and misrepresentation on the Network.

The faculty and staff have more to worry about than the students with this new policy. One of the items that everyone must accept is that all "computer generated documents" belonging to employees are public record. What this means is that somewhere in the basement of GW, all their old e-mail is stored and recorded just in case the need ever arrives. This does not apply to students, unless the college suspects you of planting viruses or have plans to blow up the Hugh Mercer Monument.

However, as is true the world around, no computer account is safe from intrusion. The FBI could be reading your e-mail right now.

All that is truly important about the MWC Network is that it lends students, faculty, and staff the freedom to say, think and type what they truly believe.

Now, if you wouldn't charge \$40 for on-campus hook up and installation.

Let's Not Wait 'til The Water Runs Dry

Guest Shares A Warning With Generation X About Social Security

By Patrick X. Coyle, Jr.
Guest Columnist

Social Security is often referred to as a Ponzi scheme.

In 1920, Charles Ponzi established an "investment plan" wherein he would provide contributors 50 percent profit in 45 days. Ponzi, however, could not make enough money to pay what he promised.

He was forced to reimburse the first wave of investors with the money from the new investors.

The first recipients were quite happy, since they had a true windfall. Inevitably some later group would lose.

Eventually, Ponzi's name became synonymous with pyramid schemes when he did not have enough to repay anyone and he was punished with a jail term.

Social security works much the same way. For the past 60 years, the government has told the American people repeatedly that the money people had paid into Social Security was being saved in a "trust fund." Unfortunately, this is not the case.

In 1939, the first generation of retirees who received Social Security benefits had paid little or nothing into the system. Just like Ponzi's plan, the initial

beneficiaries enjoyed a veritable windfall. They contributed little and received a great deal.

Moreover, the government never saved the first wave of tax revenues for Social Security. Thereafter, the

government simply decided to transfer money from one generation to the other.

Social Security funds have also been used to pay for other government operations.

The government falsely assumed that the population of the United States would keep growing and there would always be enough taxpayers to support the number of retirees receiving Social Security benefits.

The Baby-Boomers have thrown a monkey-wrench into those plans.

There is no longer a large ratio of workers-to-recipients. Recently, young people have started blaming the Baby-Boomers for the collapse

of Social Security. The Baby-Boom generation is not the root of the problem.

Why should that generation be blamed for simply being larger than others?

In reality the government should be the focus of the attention. The Social Security system is in dire straits.

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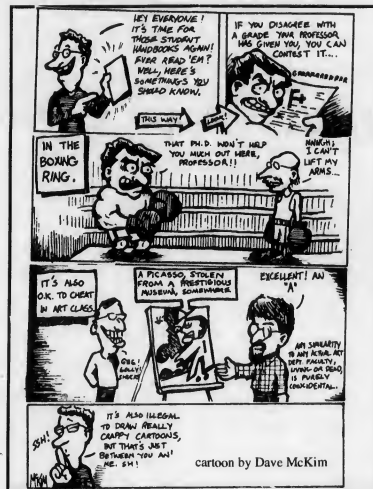
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Television news, if you will allow such liberal use of the word, is one of many other examples.

There is nothing that causes us to

think: It is a processed, finished product. It is pre-digested.

Obtaining news from television is like gaining nourishment from an IV: there is no work involved.

An issue affecting the whole world is given perhaps a 60 second window in which the anchorman quickly blurts out the watered-down facts of the story, and then, if we are lucky, a news analyst will tell us what to think.

What is the purpose of this? Is there a purpose to this? Well, yes, unfortunately, there is.

It is to give the masses a sense of involvement, a sense that we understand, when in fact all we are doing is remembering what we

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Letters to the Editor

Rugby Is MWC's Football

Editor:

Josh VanDyck's glimpse of football at MWC transports us to a future when a Mary Washington football team has narrowly missed a playoff berth in pursuit of a nationally televised, championship game.

He bemoans the absence of football at Mary Washington. Surely he jests. As a sports staffer, he couldn't be ignorant of MWC's football tradition and prowess.

Is he unaware that only a few years ago, the college produced a football playoff team that defeated South Carolina and LSU before losing to Alabama in overtime?

Can he not remember the victories over San Diego, Duke, UNC, Tennessee and Penn State? Doesn't this Bullet "sports writer" know that at MWC rugby is football?!

This Bullet sports staff has neglected rugby recently, but instead prefers to feature polls and stories on subjects unrelated to rugby.

To fantasize and jest about a football program, which could never reach the accomplishments

of MWC rugby, is absurd.

The Bullet sports staff once provided its readers with rugby coverage. Indeed, there was even a time when a Bullet editor played the game himself.

Wouldn't the college community be better served by being allowed to read again about the reality of rugby rather than the fantasy of football?

Richard Warner
Faculty Adviser MWC/RFC

If You Have A Voice, Use It

Editor:

In response to the Bullet of last week, and the statements made therein by Dr. Chirico ("Surita Inhabits Former Special Interest House," Sept. 4, 1997), I must say, as a responsible adult I do not care for his tone when he says that "a lot of students couldn't articulate their mission..." and when he asks whether that is "leadership" or not.

I was the German House's President last year, and we did things, like Oktoberfest, and could have done much more if we hadn't been hampered by the need to fight for our survival in the second semester.

We deserve to have a voice, why else live in the United States? Go to Cuba if you don't want any say-so over your life, go to China, but leave us students with a voice.

If that means that some of us will criticize the administration for its new deceit and bungling, then so be it.

They have to be responsive to our needs, we pay their salaries, indirectly perhaps, but eventually our taxes and tuition, and books, and everything else comes down to Rick Surita's high salary.

As to Dr. Chirico — we have a mission: to speak our language without English interruption.

We wrote a constitution last year for

the house, Mr. Surita looked at it. I still have a copy.

We do things, we're active, we're part of the "Team MWC" President Anderson talks about. We are not the self-interested juveniles you picture us as.

The language groups are adapting in the new situation in Westmoreland, and will make the best out of it, but it will never be a house, and I hope that no one ever really believes that it is such.

I wish Mr. Surita had used his high salary to move off-campus, he doesn't deserve to live in Marye

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Bullet Letter and Column Policy

The Bullet is always eager to receive letters to the editor and guest columns and every effort is made to print them. If there are numerous letters on one subject, a sampling of the best letters received will be printed.

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Police Beat

By Chevonne Bray
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INJURY/ILLNESS

On Sept. 3 a student tripped over a chain in front of Bushnell Hall. The student complained of hip injury and was taken to the hospital by the rescue squad.

On Sept. 3 a student injured their finger after dropping a weight in Goolrick Hall. The student was taken to the hospital by the rescue squad.

On Sept. 4 there was a vomiting student in Marshall Hall. The student refused treatment.

On Sept. 10 a visiting rugby team member suffered a shoulder injury at the Battleground. The player was transported to the hospital by rescue squad.

DUI/DIP

On Sept. 4 Alonzo Albert Coe was arrested for DIP at The Clean Machine car wash. Apparently Coe and another person were breaking into a coin box and rummaging through trash. The other person was arrested by Fredericksburg Police.

MISC.

On Sept. 4 a depressed student walked into college police headquarters and stated that she wanted to kill herself. The person was under a doctor's care for depression. The situation was handled by a Residence Life representative.

On Sept. 10 there was an odor of smoke on the third floor of Combs Hall. The odor was suspected to have been caused by an electrical light fixture.

On Sept. 10 a threatening message was left on the message board of a student living in Bushnell Hall. Residence Life and the college police are investigating the matter.

On Sept. 10 there was a fire alarm in Russell Hall. The alarm was caused by burnt food.

On Sept. 10 Johnathan D. Middleton of Fredericksburg was arrested for possession of marijuana at Fall Hill Avenue and Route One.

On Sept. 10 a student filed a report with police about alleged harassing behavior against another student. The situation was referred to the dean of students and Office of Residence Life.

On Sept. 10 a suspicious white male was seen distributing literature in the Woodard Campus Center on Monday. After a police background check it was found that the subject had a mental history but was not considered violent.

On Sept. 10 there was a fire alarm in the Woodard Student Center. Apparently an unknown person activated a pull station without cause.

On Sept. 10, there was an administrative seizure of alcohol in Mason Hall by the Office of Residence Life.

LARCENY

On Sept. 4 some clothes were stolen from a Seabrook Hall locker room. The stolen items are valued at \$55. The locker was unlocked.

On Sept. 10 an MWC ID was lost or stolen in a restaurant in Fredericksburg.

VANDALISM

On Sept. 3 a large piece of concrete railing from the Randolph/Mason patio was thrown into the drive behind the buildings. The cost of the damages is unknown.

On Sept. 5 a college lawnmower struck a parked car in the Marye House parking lot. There was minor damage to the front bumper of the vehicle. As of yet there are no estimates for the damages.

News Briefs

• From Sept. 5 to Oct. 26 the Ridderhof Martin Gallery and the duPont Gallery will have an exhibition entitled "Mid-Atlantic New Painting 97." The galleries' hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibition is free of charge.

• On Sept. 18 "Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write," an internationally acclaimed play for one actor based on the life of Nobel Prize-winning author William Faulkner, will be performed by John Maxwell in Dodd Auditorium in George Washington Hall. The play will begin at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge.

• John McKay Camp, professor of classics at Randolph Macon College, will give a lecture entitled "Recent Discoveries in the Agora: The Market Place of Ancient Athens" in Trinkle Hall, Room 204 at 5 p.m. on Sept. 23. There is no charge for the lecture.

• The comedy "You Can't Take It With You" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman will be performed in Klein Theatre in duPont Hall on Sept. 25-27 and Oct. 2-4 at 8 p.m. and on Sept. 28 and Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. The price of admission is \$6 for general public and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Call (540) 654-1124 for ticket information.

• The 8th Annual Little Welsh Festival and Open House will take place on Sept. 27 on the 900 Block of Charles Street and inside the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library. The festival, sponsored by the Welsh Society of Fredericksburg and the James Monroe Museum, will run from noon to 4 p.m. and the Open House will run from noon to 5 p.m. The festival will include Welsh singing, dancing and storytelling to recall Monroe's mother, Elizabeth Jones. Donations are requested, adults \$1, children \$.50. Questions, (540) 654-1043.

• Applications for *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* are available at the information desk in Woodard Campus Center, and in the Office of Student Affairs in 200 Lee Hall. Seniors and juniors who have acceptable academic average with co-curricular activities are eligible to apply. Students may apply by completing and returning an application; it is not necessary to be nominated. Applications are to be completed and returned to the Office of Student Affairs by 5 p.m. on October 17, 1997.

• Celebrate the freedom to read during Banned Book Week. Join in the activities planned for Wednesday,

Sept. 24. At 7:30 p.m. watch a real book burning reenactment on campus walk in front of The Underground. At 8 p.m. read a passage from your favorite banned/challenged book at The Underground. Read alone or with a friend. Sign-up sheet available at the campus bookstore. For more info call X1652.

• ICA new club formation workshops will be held on Sept. 18, Oct. 16 or Nov. 13. They will cover step-by-step process for getting a new club approved, including how to create your constitution. All workshops will begin at 4 p.m. in meeting room 2 of the campus center. Contact Melissa Rizzo, ICA president, at X1805 with questions or to register for one of the workshops.

• The Inter-club Association is the coordinating organization that recognizes new clubs and supervises all officially recognized MWC clubs. Open positions for the 1997-1998 school year include vice president, secretary/treasurer and the five members of the constitution review committee. Applications are available at the information desk. Contact Melissa Rizzo, ICA president, at X1805 with any questions. The only requirements are energy, enthusiasm and a commitment to completing tasks within a specified time frame.

• The Legislative Action Committee is sponsoring its 2nd annual Voter Information Night to be held in the Great Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd from 7 to 9 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about and meet some of the candidates running in local and state elections. For more information contact Sarah Gilbert in the SGA office at X1150.

• On Oct. 4 a South American folkloric ballet company will perform a dance concert entitled "Glimpses of Latin America." The concert will take place in Lee Hall Ballroom at 7 p.m. The concert is free. Questions, (540) 654-1044.

• On Oct. 6 Antonio R. Flores, president of Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, will give a lecture entitled, "Demography is Destiny: The Challenges and Opportunities of Hispanic Leadership in the 21st Century" at 7 p.m. in the Red Room of Woodard Campus Center. The lecture is free. Questions, (540) 654-1044.

• The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra will give a free concert on Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. Questions, (540) 654-1012.

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messages.

Judicial Review Board has had to incorporate into their system a new procedure on how to deal with user violations. Currently, sanctioned students will report directly to the Office of Judicial Affairs and the dean of students and bypass a trial.

President of Judicial Review Board Beth Moss could not be reached for comment.

Campbell said that harassment in any form of communication is possible.

"A prank could be misconstrued as interfering with the network and considered a nuisance, but there is no rule in [the policy] about being a nuisance. This gives a megaphone to people who want to play a prank. E-mail can be equal to graffiti, and I hope people don't yield to that temptation," Campbell said.

The new policy also grants users the right to intellectual freedom with the network as the user's arena.

The handbook stated, "The network is a free and open forum for the expression of ideas, including viewpoints that are strange, unorthodox, or unpopular." No sanctions can be delivered based on a user's self-expression alone. Campbell agrees with the policy condoning freedom of expression.

"People can say outrageous things on the network and that alone is not grounds for sanctioning," Campbell said.

Along with the privileges the network offers come many restrictions, and violation of these restrictions will result in a user's suspension of access to the network.

The restrictions include unauthorized copyrighting, distribution of pornography, breaking through security loopholes, misrepresentation and the spread of viruses. In addition, the policy explicitly states that users may not "infringe upon the rights of another person" or disrespect the rights of other users with a college-owned computer.

One of the policy restrictions that will cut down on the amount of e-mail received by network states that users may not utilize the college's computer systems or networks for solicitation or commercial purposes, including all solicitations for community or charity organizations. There is no mention of a restriction concerning the use of e-mail as a campus advertising system which Computer and Network Services cannot prevent.

"It's hard to monitor that [e-mail]. It's like getting flyers in the mail; you throw them away," Beck said.

Beck outlined some ways to protect users from policy violations.

"The more passwords you have, the better. Always protect yourself. Create your own [passwords] for Groupwise and continuously change them," he said.

Campbell had his own advice about the network and all Internet sources.

"It's a funny thing. E-mail feels like a telephone call, unless someone recorded it, once it's over, it's over. But e-mail is different. It's living somewhere," he said, adding that caution must be used on network transactions because old e-mail can always be brought back against the users.

"The college needs to make that clear in the policy," Campbell said.

Tuition charges pay for the annual upkeep and maintenance of the network, but an extra charge of \$40 is required for the installation of the network on any dorm room computer.

"Second semester of my sophomore year I was finally

allowed on the network from my dorm room, but I had to buy the interface card and software necessary to hook it up," said Lindsey Parrish, a senior.

"No computer person was available to install it for me and I had to pay a student. That all cost between \$120-\$130, and now I have to pay \$40 more to Computer and Network Services to reconfigure it for now," she said.

Beck stated that the use of an outside contractor and a \$40 charge for installation is worth it if students can get on-line from their dorm rooms more quickly.

"With this contractor, we got 500 plus students in a few weeks instead of only getting to a few students and taking all semester," Beck said.

With the new systems installed in computers campus wide, it should be easy to accept the new policy next week. However, students cannot accept from their dorm rooms. They must log on to one of the computers in the academic buildings.

In a June 16 memorandum to faculty and staff from Hall, future plans were outlined for the addition of full-time instructional technology resource personnel called Instructional Technology Liaisons. One will be assigned to each academic building to be on-site to deal with the education of users and troubleshooting.

In the memo, Hall encouraged MWC to move toward the future.

"It's time for the College to move on to GroupWise e-mail and away from 'telephone tag' or ordinary mail on paper, as it's primary and preferred mode of interface communication," the memo stated.

Among the benefits of this transition Hall listed convenience, speed and paper conservation.

"This policy is good because of the technology for we can provide for students. Each year it gets better and better and becomes more capable of doing things on-line," Beck said.

Debra Sampson, program support technician senior, is a student and employee of the college and purchases new equipment for the campus.

"It is needed and people need to know their rights and what's expected of them. I don't see any reason people could get offended by it," Sampson said.

"We are all looking for the 'gotcha' in this. The fact of the matter is, the college must have the policy. The policy is no more restrictive than it needs to be. I don't see anything nefarious," said Campbell.

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that he has no plans at all for retirement in the near future.

"I'll be here until the college and I decide otherwise," Farmer joked. "What else am I going to do? I'm 77 years old, totally blind, and legless. I can't go out and get married."

Blakemore stated that he has been and continues to be a valuable asset to the school.

Senior Garth Gregor had Farmer for Introduction to Civil Rights his freshman year and said the experience was like no other.

"It was amazing having a civil rights legend as your teacher. MWC is lucky to have him on staff," he said.

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were notified by a letter that their budget requests from last spring were only tentative and could be subject to change.

More clubs contributed to the depletion of funds this semester.

"Everybody else is requesting money and new people are requesting money and there is not enough [money]," Adler said.

The clubs were informed of their final allocations for this year at finance committee workshops held on Sept. 9 and Sept. 10. Club responses were generally positive.

"I don't blame anybody," said Jennifer Evans, co-program director of the Trek Club.

Club executives are modifying their agendas to compensate for the adjustment to their budgets.

Adler explained the dilemma the finance committee was in and urged people to get their requests in to the committee early in the semester. She also urged clubs to actively fundraise in order to alleviate their dependence on the diminishing general fund.

"We got a pretty decent allotment," said Rock Climbing Club President Mike Smith, but he was aware that it would put some constraints on the club.

Some clubs may not be as able to fundraise as others. "When you are pre-med, you are really concerned about grades, and it is really hard to fundraise," said John Greven, president of the Pre-Med Club.

The state of the Finance Committee is a concern to club leaders.

Rachel Collins, president of Women Of Color and assistant features editor for the Bulletin, is wary that money is fleeting. Collins fears that when she goes to the committee for more money, there will not be any.

With finances tight this year the clubs will have to be very frugal with their spending.

"We are probably going to have to keep money in mind," said Evans.

Evans believes that their club may have to fundraise in order for their members to be able to go on all of their trips. Smith agrees with Evans' assessment.

"We have to put more emphasis on fundraising," said Smith.

Some clubs are positive about the upcoming semester and what it holds.

"We were kind of expecting it. It will hurt, but we will survive," said Ryan Macmichael, general manager of WMWC campus radio station and Bulletin staff writer.

Some are apprehensive about future plans.

"Finance committee is no longer the safety net that it used to be and without that safety net we are left with very few options that will bring enough money for costly events," Collins said.

Corrections

• Photo credit for the Features story, "Volunteers Flock to Madison," was wrong last week. Diana May took the photograph.

• In the article, "New Year, New Art: New Painting '97," Christopher Stevens' painting "Constellations" was incorrectly referred to as "Constellation."

• The reference to a Scholar-in-Residence Program in the article on Rick Surita and Mayre House was in error. Student Affairs has two programs in residence which involve faculty: "Scholar-in-Residence" and "Visiting Faculty-in-Residence." The Scholar-in-Residence Program is administered by the Office of Residence Life and consists of MWC teaching faculty living for a year in an apartment in a residence hall, interacting with the students and developing programming. The Visiting Faculty-in-Residence Program is administered directly through my office. It is the Visiting Faculty-in-Residence Program which will be funding faculty from other campuses to come to MWC for several days and, while hosted Rick Surita, they will teach and work with Mary Washington students.

OPINIONS

Gen Ed Needs More Ed

General education requirements serve two purposes: to broaden the knowledge of a student and provide the chance for a student to sample different majors before actually declaring. MWC has just taken one of these benefits from freshmen.

Instead of moving on to college, freshmen have returned to high school courtesy of administration. In high school we all received the same education. We all took U.S. history, math, and a foreign language with the hope of getting into college and studying what we want. Now the power of choice has been taken away. Students at MWC, contrary to popular belief, are not all the same and therefore should not receive the same educational experience. The college experience is what students make of it. Why should they all be forced to experience the same thing?

The new modern foreign language requirement goes above and beyond the ridiculous, however. While the administration at the same time has cut deeply into Modern Foreign Language and has cut the Russian department all together, they are increasing enrollment by not allowing students with four years of a language in high school to place out of the language requirement. Two words: Hello, Germannal!

Finally, a word about global intensive, oral communication intensive and the rest of those intense requirements. While the importance of classes that offer a diversified view of the world is duly noted, students must do gymnastics to plan their schedule to incorporate all of these classes. One needs a college education just to make sense of all this.

Policy Protects Students

The new policy concerning Computer and Network usage was released this week as an addition to the Student Handbook. The new policy requires all students to accept the new "responsibilities" via computer and if students do not do so between Sept. 15-22, their login and password access will be denied. After Sept. 22, students will have to go to the Office of Computer and Network Services and electronically accept the policy.

It seems that yet again the student body is being restricted and ignored, having to become familiar with a new system. But before we fight this new policy, which is technically just an arm of the honor system, let's be sure that we actually have a reason to be on the defensive.

The new policy does nothing but enable the students of MWC to use regulations to protect themselves from annoying and harmful e-mail. The policy outlaws chain-letters, commercial advertising, and solicitation, which will greatly reduce the amount of junk mail each student receives on a daily basis. Certain types of pornography accessed through violation of the law is not allowed. These are not negative things.

The policy also contains regulations against copyrighting, viruses, hackers, breaking security loopholes, and misrepresentation on the Network.

The faculty and staff have more to worry about than the students with this new policy. One of the items that everyone must accept is that all "computer generated documents" belonging to employees are public record. What this means is that somewhere in the basement of GW, all their old e-mail is stored and recorded just in case the need ever arrives. This does not apply to students, unless the college suspects you of planting viruses or have plans to blow up the Hugh Mercer Monument.

However, as is true the world around, no computer account is safe from intrusion. The FBI could be reading your e-mail right now.

All that is truly important about the MWC Network is that it lends students, faculty, and staff the freedom to say, think and write what they truly believe.

Now, if only wouldn't charge \$40 for on-campus hook up and installation.

Let's Not Wait 'til The Water Runs Dry

Guest Shares A Warning With Generation X About Social Security

By Patrick X. Coyle, Jr.
Guest Columnist

Social Security is often referred to as a Ponzi scheme.

In 1920, Charles Ponzi established an "investment plan" wherein he would provide contributors 50 percent profit in 45 days. Ponzi, however, could not make enough money to pay what he promised.

He was forced to reimburse the first wave of investors with the money from the new investors.

The first recipients were quite happy, since they had a true windfall. Inevitably some later group would lose.

Eventually, Ponzi's name became synonymous with pyramid schemes when he did not have enough to repay anyone and he was punished with a jail term.

Social security works much the same way. For the past 60 years, the government has told the American people repeatedly that the money people had paid into Social Security was being saved in a "trust fund." Unfortunately, this is not the case.

In 1939, the first generation of retirees who received Social Security benefits had paid little or nothing into the system. Just like Ponzi's plan, the initial

beneficiaries enjoyed a veritable windfall. They contributed little and received a great deal.

Moreover, the government never saved the first wave of tax revenues for Social Security. Thereafter, the

government simply decided to transfer money from one generation to the other.

Social Security funds have also been used to pay for other government operations.

The government falsely assumed that the population of the United States would keep growing and there would always be enough taxpayers to support the number of retirees receiving Social Security benefits.

The Baby-Boomers have thrown a monkey-wrench into those plans.

There is no longer a large ratio of workers-to-recipients. Recently, young people have started blaming the Baby-Boomers for the collapse

of Social Security. The Baby-Boom generation is not the root of the problem.

Why should that generation be blamed for simply being larger than others?

In reality the government should be the focus of the attention.

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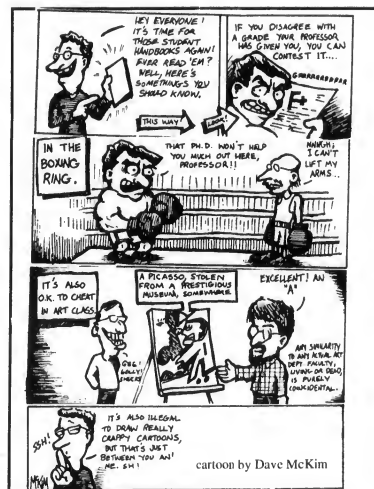
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Rugby Is MWC's Football

Editor:

Josh VanDyck's glimpse of football at MWC transports us to a future when a Mary Washington football team has narrowly missed a playoff berth in pursuit of a nationally televised, championship game.

He bemoans the absence of football at Mary Washington. Surely he jests. As a sports staffer, he couldn't be ignorant of MWC's football tradition and prowess.

Is he unaware that only a few years ago, the college produced a football playoff team that defeated South Carolina and LSU before losing to Alabama in overtime?

Can he not remember the victories over San Diego, Duke, UNC, Tennessee and Penn State? Doesn't this Bullet "sports writer" know that at MWC rugby is football?

This Bullet sports staff has neglected rugby recently, but instead prefers to feature polls and stories on subjects unrelated to Mary Washington sports.

To fantasize and just about a football program, which could never reach the accomplishments

of MWC rugby, is absurd.

The Bullet sports staff once provided its readers with rugby coverage. Indeed, there was even a time when a Bullet editor played the game himself.

Wouldn't the college community be better served by being allowed to read again about the reality of rugby rather than the fantasy of football?

Richard Warner

Faculty Adviser MWC/RFC

If You Have A Voice, Use It

Editor:

In response to the Bullet of last week, and the statements made therein by Dr. Chirico ("Surita Inhabits Former Special Interest House," Sept. 4, 1997), I must say, as a responsible adult I do not care for his tone when he says that "a lot of students couldn't articulate their mission..." and when he asks whether that is "leadership" or not.

I was the German House's President last year, and we did things, like Oktoberfest, and could have done much more if we hadn't been hampered by the need to fight for our survival in the second semester.

We deserve to have a voice, why else live in the United States? Go to Cuba if you don't want any say-so over your life, go to China, but leave us students with a voice.

If that means that some of us will criticize the administration for its new deceit and bungling, then so be it.

They have to be responsive to our needs, we pay their salaries, indirectly perhaps, but eventually our taxes and tuition, and books, and everything else comes down to Rick Surita's high salary.

As to Dr. Chirico — we have a mission: to speak our language without English interruption.

We wrote a constitution last year for

the house, Mr. Surita looked at it. I still have a copy.

We do things, we're active, we're part of the "Team MWC." President Anderson talks about. We are not the self-interested juveniles you picture us as.

The language groups are adapting in the new situation in Westmoreland, and will make the best out of it, but it will never be a house, and I hope that no one ever really believes that it is such.

I wish Mr. Surita had used his high salary to move off-campus, he doesn't deserve to live in Marye

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FEATURES

Students Capitalize On Europe

Editor's Note: The following piece chronicles the experiences of students participating in the "European Capitals: Past and Present" summer course.

By Erin Rodman
Bulletin Assistant, News Editor

On a quiet Sunday evening, in a house just off Sunken Avenue, students from all over campus and off, gathered. Sitting on the oriental-rugged living room floor as soft classical music drifts from a corner, sipping wine and munching on bean dip, created the perfect atmosphere to reunite with people I haven't seen since Venice, my long lost European friends.

The reunion lasted for hours as everyone pulled out their pictures for show and tell. A constant buzz hung over the room as traveling mates caught up on the past summer gossip, and the upcoming summer.

"It's weird to see everyone with clean hair and different clothes. I'm so used to identifying these people by their signature outfits," laughed junior Jenae Stankosky.

From May 20 to June 11, 1997, a class of 20 students from Mary Washington turned into international nomads as they roamed through five European countries.

Armed only with empty journals and open minds, the crew embarked on a mission to conquer the capitol of Europe, past and present, and do it Mary Washington style.

Porter Blakemore, chair of the history department, and John Kramer, chair of the political science department, teach the course.

"I think it's the experiential nature of the trip that makes it so great. Students get to go through Versailles, Chartres Cathedral, the House of Commons, see Mozart in Vienna, Terezin. That's the most important aspect; to live and experience firsthand these historical cities," Blakemore said. "Having been there gives students perspective for when they read the newspaper."

Kramer agreed with Blakemore.

"There are three things about the trip that are especially good for students. Experiencing things instead of just reading about them in a textbook, the enormous diversity on the trip; it's not just Political Science and History, it's all about culture, Kramer said. "We do things that would be hard for a student to do on their own, like meeting with a member of Parliament."

Mind the Gap

London was the first stop on the trip and for many it was the best element.

"A week in London was the most fun because you have time to get acquainted with the city and you can learn your way around. We used the Underground subway everyday and if you can learn the map for that, you can go anywhere," said senior Emily Winn.

Junior Heather Clendenin stayed in London after the rest of the class returned to the states and said that, although it made her summer fantastic, leaving the group was difficult.

"You get so used to living with everyone; it was strange to be, in a matter of minutes, completely alone. That first day [on my own] was hard. Having to go around the city by myself," she said.

Clendenin stayed with friends five blocks from Kensington Palace, near our hotel during our stay in England's capitol.

During the week in London, we met with a barrister, a member of the House of Commons, for a question and answer period. I have to say I learned more about English politics in one hour than I'd ever known.

A tour of Parliament, the Tate Museum, and a tour of the Halls of Justice with an English lawyer as our guide for "Legal London" were some of our lectures for the week.

"I loved the Palace of Westminster with students who see it for the first time," said Blakemore.

The impact of the grandiose ornamentation and the solemn tradition are moving.

A lot of history has occurred in the very halls we walked through and to know you were standing where a sixteenth century king once was is powerful.

No trip to London would be complete without a tour of



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Above: Todd Savage, Sara Flannagan, Erin Rodman and Lisa Simpson enjoy a day in the Vienna Woods.

Left: Lee Westnedge, Ed Burrier, Emily Winn and Todd Savage take advantage of nighttime refreshments in Venice, Italy.

the city atop a double decker bus under a light drizzle.

My personal favorite, Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, is the home of every famous person's eternal likeness, as well as a section devoted solely to the torture and execution methods used in England in the last few centuries.

Graphic and gruesome it was, but well worth the immense cover charge.

Every night of the week was devoted to free time after our last walking tour, and everyone chose their own night life. Some went to clubs, some to the theater, and some to quiet London pubs.

One night the group attended a Broadway production of "The Herbal Bed," a classic example of London theater.

Part of the English experience was a day trip to a town outside of London, Winchester. The quaint side streets and emerald green parks were a nice change from the hustle and bustle of London.

"I appreciate London and the Winchester Cathedral more after being home," senior Heather Weiffenbach commented. "I read stuff over the summer about the War of the Roses and I knew the places the book was describing."

Bonjour

We took the Chunnel to get to France. It's the underwater tunnel train that gets from London to Paris by way of the English Channel. Our hotel in this capitol was a stone's throw from the Eiffel Tower, a sight many students hit the first day. I took a boat ride down the Seine River, which meanders throughout the city and is banked on all sides by the greatest sights of Paris.

With croissants and fresh juice brought to our rooms every morning, the quintessential Parisian life was sampled by all.

Junior Jenae Stankosky, who spent the first six years of her life

in France, got a chance to practice her fluent French and acquaint herself with the city, since she'll be studying there next year.

Without Jenae as our translator, getting around would have been a lot more confusing.

Other students waxed European by shopping on the Champs-Elysees in the shadow of the Arc de Triomphe and tasting French cuisine in outdoor cafes. Others stuck with McDonald's. No matter where you are in Europe, there is always one nearby.

Our walking tour guide, Daniella, was an expert on Parisian history and our group trooped around the major sections of the city, including the Ile de la Cite (Notre Dame, Sainte-Chapelle, the Palais de Justice), the Latin Quarter, and the Marais.

Paris was by far the most expensive city but well worth the cost.

"So many good memories. Anytime over the summer I got depressed, I would just think, 'Aahh, Paris,' remembered Weiffenbach.

Our day trip out of the city was to Chartres to visit the cathedral and the fairy tale landscape. It was another rare opportunity to see France without the tourists and big city atmosphere.

Another day trip out of Paris was the trip to Versailles, the home of King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. It was definitely a breathtaking sight and one of the highlights of the trip.

On our last day some of the group got tickets to the French Open and witnessed Pete Sampras compete in a match. There were unforgettable moments galore.

Welcome to Prague

From Paris we took a train to Frankfurt, Germany, where we had a long layover. Those hours spent sitting on suitcases in the dark, chilly train station were ironically one of the best times of the trip.

Unanimously agreed upon, the Frankfurt stopover was a time for bonding, beer drinking and pontificating with our fearless leaders. Card games were played and by the time the train arrived and we boarded, the group felt closer than ever.

When Dr. Kramer toasted our group at the Sunday night reunion it ended like this: "You were the best group ever! Who can forget drinking beer for four hours in Frankfurt? Cheers!"

The overnight train was crowded, bumpy and cold, but it was like a big slumber party. Sleeping in a room the size of a closet with five other people in triple bunks is an experience like no other.

Watching the city pass through the window with lights twinkling on the horizon is a peaceful way to drift off to sleep. However, every time the train stopped, those of us on the top bunk almost rolled off and plummeted to the floor.

The 4 a.m. passport checks are a sure way to make you feel like you're traveling. As for the rumors of dangerous gypsy thieves, we had our suspicions about some of the other travelers, but there was no trouble.

Waking up to the dawn light and early fog of a different country than the one you fell asleep in is like a dream. The outskirts of the Czech Republic flew past us out the window.

Arriving at our Prague hotel, which was across the street from the leftover massive communist public housing complex, was definitely a reality check and a culture shock.

With hardly any sleep and no showers, we headed out that morning for a walking tour of Prague. The differences the city possessed from Paris and London were apparent right away.

The city resembled a scene from "Romeo and Juliet" with wet, skinny, cobblestone streets, castles and turrets looming everywhere, and original bridges made only of wood.

The leftover effects of communism surrounded us. The people of Prague looked like extras in an 1980s Bruce Springsteen video and were covered head to toe in denim.

There was no other place where we stood out so much as Americans.

Immediately, our biggest difficulty was getting

accustomed to the thick Eastern accent.

"Deciphering the tour guides was definitely hard," junior Leigh Reveley said.

The language barrier affected every aspect of our time there.

"At first it was 'Do we see anything we want on the menu?' then it became 'Do we see anything we recognize on the menu?'" said senior Karina Santiago.

It was difficult to see this beautiful city struggling so much economically and politically; Our group had to get a crash course in the Czech Republic's recent political history.

The remains of the Soviet government are everywhere; in the public transit system and its limitations, in the amount of blue collar workers struggling to survive in this city.

Our guide did tell us that the citizens of Prague are not taking democracy too seriously. Testimony to this would be our tour of the grounds of the Czech Parliament, where there were no guards, no security and no crowds.

Prague offered us places such as the Loreto, the President's residence, Wallenstein Palace, St. Wenceslas Square, and the Charles Bridge.

We also saw the waterside location where the beginning of Tom Cruise's "Mission: Impossible" was filmed.

Aside from all this beauty, we took a day trip to the Nazi concentration camp Terezin.

It was an emotionally jolting day, involving a walking tour through the old fortress where the cells of Jewish prisoners were still intact. To see firsthand the conditions under which so many people lived and died was heartbreaking.

"It's definitely a different experience than the Holocaust Museum," Blakemore said.

Enjoying our last afternoon and evening in Prague was not hard. The shopping is cheap and everyone came home with Bohemian crystal. The beer gardens were plentiful and easy on the wallet.

"The last night we spent hopping from beer garden to beer garden, enjoying the evening and talking. We had a full course meal and drank for hours, for only \$15," senior Emily Winn said.

There was one tense moment that turned into a joke for the rest of the trip on our first night out to eat. When asking for the bill, someone said, "Check please!" Our

waitress gave us a dirty look and walked away. Later we realized that we'd sounded as if we were saying, "Czech please!" Definitely a cultural whoops.

After only three days in Prague, we boarded a bus for Vienna, but stopped on the way in the little town of Telsch, a quiet country town full of mustard seed fields and dirt roads.

The weekend home we toured belonged to the former ruler of Prague and was filled with medieval memorabilia such as wild animal skins and full body armor. It was a wild town meets the Renaissance, as Blakemore so eloquently put it.

Ice Cream and Opera

Vienna is a city that mixes capitalism and all its glory with Gothic architecture and royal dignity. The ice cream

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Professors Kramer and Blakemore bond during the 4-hour layover in a Frankfurt, Germany train station.



The group gathers in front of a piece of the Berlin Wall at the Imperial War Museum in London.

New Ice Park To Send Chills Through Fredericksburg

By Angela Zosel
Bulletin Features Editor

Bored Mary Washington College students will have something to smile about next fall. The Fredericksburg Ice Park, a complex featuring an ice skating rink, pro shop, video arcade and cafe, is scheduled to open just before students return in the fall of 1998.

The ice rink is one aspect of a plan to create an art-deco style area in downtown Fredericksburg. The plans for the area, called Central Park, are designed to create a district filled with boutiques, specialty shops and casual eateries. The ice rink will serve as the focus of the area.

"It's one of the main components of the art-deco style center...as sort of a centerpiece for the rest of the area," said Jervis Hairston, director of city planning for Fredericksburg.

Project planners are hopeful that the rink will serve as a place of family entertainment, encouraging families to spend time together in a place where people of all ages can have a good time.

"For us, it's very much a family sort of concept, but that doesn't preclude college students going there to

have a safe place to have fun," said Reenst Lesemann, chief executive officer of D & R Development, a Charlottesville-based company.

D & R Development was also the brains behind the idea and opening of the Charlottesville Ice Park a year and a half ago. The Charlottesville Ice Park has been a huge success.

"I think it's a tremendous success," said Jimmy Leech, general manager of the Charlottesville Ice Park. "We have youth hockey, adult hockey, figure skating.... We offer a great family entertainment center."

According to Leech, the ice park has also brought a lot of revenue into Charlottesville's downtown area.

"It's revitalized it. Even before I became manager here, I spent more time here [downtown] in three months than I had in the twelve years that I'd

lived here before," said Leech.

Developers are hoping for the same results here in Fredericksburg. The Fredericksburg park will be modeled in part according to the Charlottesville center.

Like the Charlottesville complex, the new center will house a pro shop, where skaters can buy and rent hockey equipment and skates. Also, skaters will be able to take a break at the cafe or in the arcade.

"We will have a pro shop, a cafe area, and a small video arcade. We'll also have facilities available for parties and group events," said Lesemann.

Lesemann also said that groups will have the option of renting out the entire center for private use.

Officials also hope to begin hockey leagues here in

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-Reenst Lesemann,
CEO of D & R Development

SPCA Games Are Doggone Fun



Fredericksburg residents take a break from a day of ruff competition. Dog lovers from all around came to spend a sunny day with their animals.

Man and his best friend put their best paws forward for the competition. The SPCA sponsored the games in an effort to increase awareness of the organization's services.

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Diana May



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in Vienna easily rival Carl's here in Fredericksburg, if you can believe that.

Vienna gave our group a chance to wander quietly among ancient streets and visit the homes of Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert.

Among the places we visited during our four-day stay were the Hofburg Palace (which houses the crown of the Holy Roman Emperor), the Spanish Riding School and the Lipizzan horses, the Vienna Opera for "The Magic Flute," the Belvedere, and Schonbrunn Palace.

Some of the group ventured into the famed Vienna Woods, which resembled "Hansel and Gretel" imagery.

It was a nice chance to get out of the concrete jungle for a day and wander around with the theme from "The Sound of Music" resounding in your head.

Aside from a little trouble reading the bus schedule, it was a relaxing day.

A waitress from a restaurant across the street ran out to tell us we were getting on the wrong bus and held the bus driver until we figured out where we needed to go.

Not for her kindness to these obviously lost Americans, we would probably be in Switzerland by now.

Our night at the world-renowned Vienna Opera House was

unforgettable.

Although we were in nosebleed seats, it didn't compromise the beauty of the music and the stage.

Last Stop

The train to Venice was also overnight, but exhaustion had set in and I missed all the passing scenery this time.

When we woke, we were on an island in the early morning, surrounded by canals and glorious buildings right on the water.

Our fearless leaders decided this morning to play a practical joke on the group.

Blake and Kramer had us all convinced that they had no idea where our hotel was. When they finally "located" it, they told us it was miles away and we would have to walk.

They let us believe that until about three minutes into our walk, when we reached the hotel. Never was their such relief among us.

The weather in Venice was humid and reminiscent of a beach vacation. Many of the group spent our free day in Venice on the beaches.

You can walk for hours in Venice and never feel lost, even though you are, and enjoy every minute of it.

No cars, few crowds, and water

everywhere make for a nice atmosphere.

Nighttime in Venice is relatively quiet, but relaxing and very charming.

The boat taxis, vaporettos, are the only public transportation, but they feel like mini-cruises, especially at night.

Our tour of Venice was only one day, but we managed to walk almost the whole city.

Among the highlights: St. Marks Square, St. Marks Cathedral, the Doge Palace, and the Rialto Bridge.

The ride from our hotel in Venice to the airport was by boat and very long, which was a wonderful way to say good-bye, not only to the city but to the trip as well.

"My favorite part of the trip was coming home. There was no tension. The boat ride from the hotel to the airport was relaxing. No journals, just enjoying the ride," senior Karina Santiago said.

Home Sweet Home

From Venice, we flew to London and stayed the night. Fatigue had set in and thoughts of home pervaded everyone's thoughts.

The flight to Washington, D.C. was a time for last minute meetings with new friends and cat naps before

the time change and jet lag set in.

"The European Capitals trip: Past and Present", is its official name. It's a six credit, out of the classroom, hands-on experience class.

The textbooks: guides and maps to each of the cities that are imperative to exploring.

The homework: a daily journal reflecting and commenting on the experiences of the day as well as comparing all the countries to each other and the United States.

You also pick the areas that interest you most and get credit for visiting them.

"The menu aspect gives students a choice of where to go. If you like history, you can go see art history," Blake more said. "Students don't have to spend every waking minute with professors."

Blake more also said that the plans were devised so students would have time to go out on their own.

It was a way to force them to go out on their own and really experience the cultures of the different cities.

The classroom: the streets of cities in England, France, Italy, Austria, and the Czech Republic.

The lecture: a different tour guide for each city that led the class on walking lectures around the town.

The night life: every night free. If you had the energy and the time, the

THUMBS...

a features column by the Bulletin staff



to Cedric Rucker, Lori Turner, and all the other hard working people running the office of Student Activities

to budget cuts for student clubs and organizations



to the "Central Park" area developing in downtown Fredericksburg

to the fire alarm going off in the Campus Center on Tuesday night



to the long-awaited return of soft pretzels in the Eagles Nest

to the tractor trailer currently taking up multiple spaces in the Thornton Street commuter lot



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evening was yours to spend.

One night in each country, however, was reserved for a group attended cultural event.

"If you can go, you should take advantage of the trip. I really believe it's an opportunity you shouldn't pass up. It's a wonderful buy for your money, if you can afford it, and it is one of the premiere experiences at MWC," Kramer said.

"To go to a foreign country and connect is a great experience," said senior Jennifer Sauerbrunn.

"It helps you grow as an individual. In college you do stuff on your own but this makes you very independent," said senior Emily Douglas. "Even without being able to communicate, there is still a bond."

Everyone in the group came away with new friends. "I love my roommates on the trip. It was the best learning experience I've ever had. I've never learned so much so fast," said junior Lisa Simpson.

For the guys on the trip, who were outnumbered seventeen to three, it was still an enjoyable time.

The professors were accommodating and upbeat. The trip was excellent," said sophomore Todd Savage.

The trip was spectacular. It didn't hurt that there were five times as many girls as guys," junior Ed Burrier said. "Paris and Venice are the most romantic places in the world."

Burrier participated in the class with his girlfriend.

"It was my first time overseas. I met great people and had a blast," said junior Sarah Flanagan.

"Our group dynamic was great. Everyone got along really well, even those people who didn't know anyone going in," said Blakemore. "Our group would go with the flow and were cooperative and conscious, but still fun loving, which made our job easier."

Blakemore praised his troopers because no one complained even through the undesirable times.

"My favorite part of the trip is the new group of students each year. I've been to all the cities already so it's really exciting because each group of students is different and it's fun to see how they react and enjoy themselves," Kramer said.

At the reunion, a delicious dinner was served later, thanks to the culinary talent of Dr. Jack "Cosmo" Kramer and his wife Mary Anne.

By the end of the evening, promises for future get-togethers were made, phone numbers were exchanged, and reminiscent conversations of the trip were heard floating down the dark street as the students disappeared into the night.

SPORTS

Men's Soccer Silences Roanoke; Starts Season 2-0

By Andrew Rothschild
Bulletin Staff Writer

The men's soccer team started off what is anticipated to be a successful season this week with two wins against tough opponents. Although both were non-conference games, many players believe they show signs of what is to come.

On Tuesday, Sept. 2, the Eagles opened the season with a 1-0 victory at Gettysburg, who they had not beaten in the past five attempts. In addition, the men's soccer team had not won their opening game in over five years.

"It was nice to win the first game finally," senior forward Jason Fusaro said, "but the next seven games are pivotal to our success."

The game's only goal was scored by senior outside-midfielder Kevin Byrne in the 59th minute when center midfielder Brendan Madigan flicked a cross by Kelly Coffey past the sweeper to a charging Byrne who finished it into the back of the net.

The Eagles' defense was also instrumental in their victory. Goalie T. Nino recorded his first shutout and full game for MWC and played "solid" according to his teammates.

"I wasn't really tested that much during the game, although they did outshoot us," Nino said.

One tool to victory was the fact that senior marking back Les Covier returned to the squad after a one-year hiatus. This allowed captain Craig Gillan to move out of the marking back position to stopper where he will hopefully play a more offensive role.

"I remember when he was a freshman playing outside midfielder, he had 18 or 20 points," Fusaro said. "But the past two years he has had to play more defensive roles. I think it is important that he has a bigger part in the offense since he is such a threat."

"One of the best things about the team this year is that we are so deep," Fusaro added. The team's depth helped on Tuesday because of the extreme heat. Coach Roy Gordon used the depth to the Eagles advantage by keeping up the intensity while supplying fresh legs to boost the team's energy. In all, MWC used 18 out of the 20 players who made the trip.

"If we can continue to grow as a team and still beat quality teams along the way, we should have a successful season. But as usual, we need to take it one game at the time," senior midfielder Ben Phelps said.

On Saturday, the men's soccer team continued their success with a 2-0 win over the visiting Roanoke Maroons. Goalkeeper Nino and the defense recorded their second consecutive shutout.

The Maroons' only scoring opportunities came on two shots, one in the first half and one in the second, that both hit the crossbar.

Sophomore marking back Kelly Coffey, for one, was impressed with the win.

"I think the defense is coming together well," he said. "There are some new faces and playing styles but we are getting used to each other and the two shutouts are definitely boosting our confidence."

"Coach's adjustments in the back after the first half altogether helped us in our victory," junior sweeper Jordi Kleiman commented. "This was a big regional win for us especially since Roanoke was picked to win the ODAC conference. Hopefully it will help our chances to return to the NCAA tournament since they will probably defeat some good teams as well."

Jason Fusaro led the way for the Eagle's with both of the game's goals. The first

came in the 17th minute after the Roanoke keeper deflected a breakaway shot by forward Jason Green.

Fusaro caught the keeper out of position and sailed a high chip past him off the far post into the goal. The second goal came about in the 82nd minute on another breakaway that Fusaro deftly touched around the outstretched Roanoke keeper and drilled into the back of the net.

After a slow start the Eagles had a number of other scoring opportunities in the second half. The Roanoke keeper made a nice save on yet another Fusaro breakaway and earlier, senior Kevin Byrne made a beautiful run inside the penalty area to receive a throw in, barely missing the ensuing shot. Junior center midfielder Brad Hopper also had a good scoring chance, but his shot was tipped wide of the goal by the keeper.

"The team's depth again played a key role to our success," sophomore midfielder Brian Turner said. "Players have accepted their roles on the team and they're going to change from game to game. Coach is going to put in whomever he thinks is necessary to win the game. The players are all talented enough to make the adjustment. I think everyone is focused on the common goal of returning to the NCAA tournament. Naturally, everyone wants to play, but we all know what it is going to take."

Not to be forgotten, Ryan Forbrich, Ben Phelps, Jeremy Corazzini, and Kevin Linton provided sparks in the midfield to secure the Eagles' victory.

Junior midfielder Jay Harty had the final word on the two victories.

"We played like ninjas," he said. "We were quick, nimble, and unstoppable!"



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Senior Ben Phelps avoids a defender on Saturday against Roanoke College while junior Jordi Kleiman looks on. The Eagles won 2-0.

Volleyball On Spike After Fast Start

By Annie Wise
Bulletin Assistant Sports Editor

If youth is power, then this edition of the MWC volleyball team may just be the strongest in years. Though they return only one senior and play a good number of freshmen, the Eagles are off to a tremendous 6-1 start.

Though the Eagles have been strong early in the season, Coach Dee Conway sees even more room for growth.

"We're still nowhere near where we should be," she said. "But I also have to remember that it's still early in the year and we don't want to get to that point too early anyway. So, we are still evolving or developing into a good team."

The Eagles took a huge developmental step Monday evening, demolishing Randolph-Macon 15-1, 15-6, 15-2 in a match that took barely an hour to complete.

"Randolph-Macon wasn't as good as us and usually other teams play down to their level," senior co-captain Hilary Clark said. "But we stayed on our level, and I think we played really well."

In fact, the Eagles actually improved in several key areas which had been

weakpoints earlier in the season.

"We'd been missing quite a few serves during our last several games," Conway said. "But [Monday] we cut that down significantly, and that was a huge improvement. This is probably the best we've played so far this year."

Junior hitter Katie Wallace concurred. "I thought we were really impressive," said Wallace. "We really had a lot of fun, because everybody got to play."

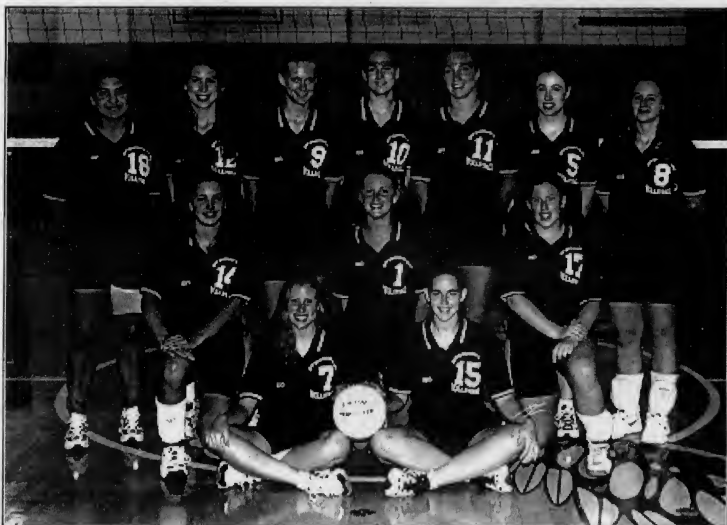
The Eagles have made quick work of most of their opponents thus far, dropping only four games in seven matches this season. Even in their lone loss, to Ithaca, the Eagles remained confident.

"They were just a better team than we were at that moment," freshman Beth Pollard said. "But I think that if we were able to play them later on in the year we'd be up with them or better than them."

Such self-assurance is important to the young Eagles, as Wallace points out.

"I think we're really doing good and our confidence is growing, so that will help us in tournaments," she said.

The Eagles next play on Sept. 12th and 13th at the Gettysburg College Tournament.



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

The MWC volleyball team is off to a solid 5-1 start, including a 3-1 mark in the Rutgers Tournament last weekend. Lisa Skaggs (number 10) was named to the All-Tournament team thanks to her 29 kills.

This Week's Schedule

Men's Soccer

Sept. 12-13 at Elizabethtown College Tournament (TBA)

Women's Soccer

Sept. 13 at Roanoke College (2 p.m.)

Sept. 10 vs. VA Wesleyan at the Battleground (4 p.m.)

Field Hockey

Sept. 13 vs. Lebanon Valley at the Battleground (1 p.m.)

Sept. 14 vs. Sweet Briar at the Battleground (4 p.m.)

Sept. 17 vs. Goucher College at the Battleground (4:30 p.m.)

Volleyball

Sept. 12-13 at Gettysburg College Tournament (TBA)

Sept. 17 at St. Mary's College (6 p.m.)

Men's Rugby

Sept. 13 vs. Towson St. at the Battleground (2 p.m.)

Women's Rugby

Sept. 13 vs. Towson St. at the Battleground (11 a.m.)



(For updates call the MWC Sports Hotline at 654-2692).

Rugby & Soccer Boot Football?

Okay, so we don't get a football team at Mary Washington.

Maybe that isn't all bad, however. People are talking about soccer and rugby as the answer. In fact, they say, there really isn't even a problem.

The rugby team, to its credit, takes

**BERMUDA SPORTS
BY JOSH VANDYCK**

a lot of pride in being the "football" of MWC. Their fliers say that we "don't need no stinkin' football team."

Fine, so let's see what we have here.

I went to the men's rugby game on Saturday, when the Mothers faced Georgetown. I'll admit that the crowd was pretty decent by MWC standards, especially on this hot-ass day.

The problem, though, is that this crowd couldn't really cheer. Why? Because, well, they couldn't tell what the hell was going on. I kinda like rugby, but I can barely follow the game myself.

It just seems sort of tedious at times, you know. Nobody ever explains the penalties, and it seems like they just keep getting into these non-productive scrums.

I shouldn't complain, though, because I like smash-mouth football. The difference, I guess, is that there are so few meaningful plays in rugby. Nothing ever seems to happen.

So what's the final analysis on rugby? It's a cool sport, sure, but we can't understand it. Most everyone at the game kept raising their arms in confusion. In England, I know it's great for the fans. In Fredericksburg, I don't think we're ready.

Now let's look at soccer. I must admit that I was damn impressed by the crowd at Saturday's men's game.

Certainly that was what I was talking about with football and school spirit. And soccer is the original football, right?

Hold on one minute, however. Soccer is a helluva of a good time when you're playing it, as I did for 12 years. But here in America we aren't much on watching it. Sure, a few thousand people watch MLS games, but there's a reason why these games come on TV on Tuesday afternoons.

It would be great if we could keep up the level of support that we had on Saturday. But what about the women's soccer team? When we divide up the support, it gets thinned out. I don't advocate abolishing one of the teams—I'm just pointing out the facts of the situation. We haven't exactly packed the stadium for all these different games in the past.

So what's the solution? Probably it starts with abandoning dreamy thoughts about football and concentrating on building what we do have.

The rugby team could start by teaching us the rules. Maybe they could hand out fliers at the games which point out the basics of the game. Or maybe they could hold a seminar or something.

As for soccer, if Saturday was any indication, then we may be on to something. But I just don't know if we can keep it up. Soccer just lacks...something. Maybe I'm just in the dark ages, but I know people like to see more than two points or goals in a sports contest.

In the end, I guess that we should just have a cookout, down a few more beers, and then head over to the Battleground and watch whatever it is that's going on.



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Scrummin' It Under the Sun

The rugby team practices for this Saturday's home game against Towson State. The Mothers suffered a tough loss to Georgetown 13-5 to open the season last Saturday.

Bullet Top Tens

NCAA COLLEGE FOOTBALL

1. Tennessee
2. Nebraska
3. Washington
4. Florida
5. Penn St.
6. Florida St.
7. Colorado
8. North Carolina
9. Alabama
10. LSU

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7. Rename stadium "Sean Gilbert Cooke Stadium"
8. Anti-Michael Westbrook security guards
9. Rights to a "Keyshawn-style" book
10. "More money than you can shake a stick at."

(If you would like to comment on this section, please write to us at Box 604).



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Still No Women's Soccer Article?

That's right, still no women's soccer article. This is due to a Bullet staff error, and will be corrected next week. Here, Jr. Stephanie Whichard in practice.

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ENTERTAINMENT

TOM DELUCA Has A Lot Up His Sleeve!

By Emilee Harren
Special to the Bulletin

On Sunday, Sept. 7, hypnotist Tom Deluca made his annual visit to Mary Washington College. Students began waiting outside of George Washington Hall as early as 5:30 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. show. Many students, however, didn't think that it was unusual to wait over two hours for the show. By 6 p.m., the line stretched out across campus walk and onto the lawn between Randolph and Mason Halls.

"I got here really early and it was worth it. It's something fun to do on a Sunday night," sophomore Sarah Crown said.

Upon interviewing Deluca before the show, I learned that he is not just some comedy show—it's really his own special brand of psychology. Deluca majored in psychology in college and went on to receive a Masters degree in the same area.

During graduate school, he worked at a behavioral center which focused on hypnosis as a way to get people to quit smoking or overeating. When he got fired for attempting to relax patients before their appointments using his own little techniques, he decided that he might as well try and do it for himself.

DeLuca has been traveling throughout the United States and some parts of Europe for many years, perfecting his mind-reading and hypnosis acts. Universities and corporations make up his largest overall audience, but he has also performed at several comedy clubs in New York City.

Hypnotism is "giving yourself or someone a suggestion that they uncritically accept," according to Deluca. He claims that the trick behind hypnotism is "what, when, and how you say something." When I asked him if he used a pendulum, he just laughed. Apparently, it's all in your head.

"Two young women assumed the roles of 'extra members' of the Spice Girls, and one individual appeared to be an alien from outer space."

Almost 1,000 Mary Washington students must have believed in Deluca, because the auditorium was as full as I have ever seen it. When the music came on, some students showed just how enthusiastic they were about the show by screaming, clapping or even dancing.

Some students near the front noticed that Deluca stared out at the crowd for a few minutes before he actually came out on stage. Perhaps

he was already picking his victims.

The first half of the show consisted of several mind-reading tricks. For one of his tricks Deluca asked everyone in the crowd to pick a number between one and 50.

DeLuca then wrote down a single number on a sheet of paper. He narrowed it down and then asked those who had picked a number between 35 and 40 to continue to raise their hands.

Eventually, Deluca pointed to a young woman in the audience and asked her what number she had chosen—it was 36. He then asked her to come up the stage and read the number to the audience. Sure enough, it was the same number he had picked.

Then Deluca pulled out an envelope and asked her to read the contents of it to the audience. The piece of paper described the person who would pick the number he guessed, and it described the young woman's appearance exactly.

Next came the second—and everyone's favorite—part of the act. Deluca picked about 20 anxious volunteers out of the

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Amanda Clift and Nate Coles, above, find that intimacy is the best policy—while hypnotized, at least.

Dispatch from the Trenches: One Assistant Editor Describes Four Days of Music, Film, and Celebrity-Studded Heaven at CMJ Convention in NYC

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is part one of a two-part series exploring two writers' experiences at the illustrious annual College Music Journal (CMJ) convention in New York City, which took place this year Sept. 3-7.

Guests at the convention are treated to four days' worth of free concerts, films, and other such entertainment-related events in order to update them on the latest developments in the industry.

By Ernesto Yermoli
Bulletin Assistant Entertainment Editor

Wednesday, Sept. 3: We crawled, half-conscious, into an MWC van at 4 a.m. today—five of us from the Giant Productions, three from WMWC radio, and Cedric Rucker, Dean of Student Activities, at the wheel—ready for the trek up I-95 and onto the island of Manhattan for four glorious days of movies and concerts. Having arrived at the Mayflower Hotel (W. 62nd and Broadway) at noon, we unpacked our bags and had a budget lunch at Cosmic Pizza on Broadway (de-lish!).

Onward, then, to registration at Lincoln Center. At 7 p.m. we walked from the hotel to the Roseland near Times Square for the big opening night gig—Fluke, Sneaker Pimps, Daft Punk, Crystal Method, Death in Vegas, and Aphex Twin. As we walked past the Trump Hotel, we noticed two familiar faces chatting it up on the steps: it was Gwen Stefani of No Doubt, posing for photos with fans, whilst the ever-lanky Steven Tyler of Aerosmith cracked an inaudible joke. Our first celebrity sighting.

The Roseland was packed with a motley assortment of raver kids and record execs. Fluke did their Garbage-meets-Prodigy schtick; boring. Thankfully, the always

reliable Marilyn Manson provided peripheral entertainment, seated, as he was, to our right, and involved in an animated conversation with the pudgy pale figure of Billy Corgan. What they spoke of, I don't know, but I did notice Billy bopping his head to the beat.

Sneaker Pimps came on next. The sounds were molasses-paced and hence impossible to dance to, although this didn't stop the crowd from jumping about excitedly. Nothing special, really.

Daft Punk were poundingly repetitive and mind-bogglingly simplistic, but blew the other two bands off the stage with their killer breakbeats and creative reworkings of album tracks. Terribly good.

We decided to leave after Daft Punk, as we had a big day ahead of us. As we waited for a friend in the lobby, the inimitable Chemical Brothers walked right past us. Ah, New York. Bedtime.

Thursday, Sept. 4: The keynote speakers spoke this afternoon. Moby was witty and self-effacing, in a speech praising courage in the music industry. Some audience members questioned his own courage at changing the lines of a *Mission of Burma* song he covered in order to get played on MTV.

Moby responded by saying that he was one of the least courageous people he knew, and that anyway, a song lyric was low on his list of priorities for courageous action. Honestly suits the little guy.

Next was Marilyn Manson, presumably hungover from the night before (we had seen him knock back a few). Pale (dub), gangly, and sporting shades, he gave a remarkably short speech—something about all of us being monkeys—and proceeded to dazzle us all with his copious charm. One has to hand it to him—he's hardly as dumb as he looks. His explanation of what it means to be a Satanist was

"Marilyn Manson. . . is hardly as dumb as he looks. . . he's simply a Nietzschean with a penchant for corsets and bad cosmetics."

actually rather reasonable, and proved that he's simply a Nietzschean with a penchant for corsets and bad cosmetics.

That night, on our way to dinner, we saw the throng outside Radio City Music Hall for the MTV Video Music Awards. It was certainly a sight. In any case, we saw the Foo Fighters play for a couple of minutes before heading off to a sushi bar in Times Square.

After dinner, it was off to Coney Island High (Downstairs) in the Village for a set by Auntie Christ, the new band featuring Exene Cervenka from L.A. punk legends X. It was packed to the hilt, and their brand of old-school three-chord riffs soon proved tiresome, so we checked out the sceneresters on St. Mark's Place before checking out britpopers the Tender Idols at Coney Island Upstairs. The crowd was sparse but impeccably dressed, and the band was a lot of fun, if somewhat derivative. We spoke to the lead singer, Ian, after the gig, and it turns out they played the Irish Brigade in Fredericksburg a year ago!

"It was a dead show," Ian Idol lamented. Oh, well; small world, eh?

Friday, Sept. 5: We arose bright and early to be at the "Today" show by 7 a.m. The news of Princess Di's funeral made it difficult for us to appear onscreen, and alas we did not. We did see Al Roker, though.

After dinner in the Village, it was off to the Continental to catch the Smoking Popes, who sound something like Morrissey singing for Social Distortion—a fabulous combination, frankly, and an energetic show.



Courtesy Photo

Gwen Stefani of No Doubt appeared on the MWC faction's list of celebrity sightings in New York City at the CMJ convention, along with Marilyn Manson and Billy Corgan.

Next we went to Threadwaxing Space in Soho for an acoustic set by balladeer supreme Mark Eitzel, ex-frontman of American Music Club. It was a lovely venue and Eitzel was in fine form, particularly when he and the duo Congo Norvell covered Gun Club's "She's Like Heroin to Me."

Afterwards we caught two songs by Catherine Wheel at NYU; though they're ordinarily quite good, these initial tunes were abysmal and so we returned to the hotel to catch a few winks.

Saturday, Sept. 6: At 2 p.m.

we attended a preview screening of Woody Allen's newest film, "Deconstructing Harry." It was a laugh riot; definitely Allen's best film since "Bullets Over Broadway."

After our last New York meal of the trip, we were off to see Belle and Sebastian at a gorgeous, revamped synagogue in the Village. It was a truly mesmerizing set, with the band sounding like a cross between Tindersticks, the Chi-Lites, and the Velvet Underground. We were pleased all the more to spot Mark Eitzel standing next to us in the audience.

Sunday, Sept. 7: All good things, of course, must come to an end, and great things tend to end abruptly. So it was that we arose at 8 a.m., dead tired from traipsing along the dirty boulevards of New York City for four straight days, and shuffled into the MWC van for the trip back to Fredericksburg.

WMWC Top Ten List

Place	Album	Artist
1	"Surfacing"	Sarah McLachlan
2	"Try Some Eat One"	Love Spit Love
3	"Talk Show"	Talk Show
4	"Drum n' Bass for Papa"	Plug
5	"End of the Summer"	Dar Williams
6	"The Horrendously Named EP"	Bill Ding
7	"Midnite Lover"	Shaggy
8	"The Carnival"	Wyclef Jean
9	"Vegas"	The Crystal Method
10	"Junior Relaxer"	King Cobb Steele

The Top Ten List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC and is determined by the amount of airplay an album receives by the DJs of the station. Questions? Please call the Bulletin at x1133 or WMWC at x1152.

Local Music Scene

George Street Grill
Friday: TBA
Saturday: TBA

Sante Fe Grill
Friday and Saturday: Absolute Zero
Sunday: Linwood Taylor

Coming Attractions...

Through Sunday, Oct. 26: Exhibition: "Mid-Atlantic New Painting 97," Ridderhof Martin and duPont galleries. Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Free.

Saturday, Sept. 13: Concert: New York City's "clanky but soulful machine" **Skeleton Key**, with special guests and local luminaries **The Union Deposit Road**. Doors at 8 p.m. \$1 with MWC I.D., \$3 without. Must have photo I.D. to attend!

Friday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Sept. 13: Film: "Trainspotting." Brilliant Scottish flick documenting smack addiction, not for the weak of stomach. Great music, great acting. Dodd Auditorium, 9 p.m. \$1.

How Many Canadian Provinces Are There? Name Them!

(Answer to last week's question: Albany is the capital of New York.)

Photos and Interviews by Karen Pearlman



"Nine. Nova Scotia. . ?"

—Holly Blackman, freshman



"23. Ontario, Toronto, Québec. . ?"

—Debbie Womer, freshman



"Five. Québec, Newfoundland. . ?"

—Seth Mohs, junior



"Seven. Québec. . ?"

—Mina Ennin, freshman



"Five. Manitoba. . ?"

—Donna LaMarque, freshman

HIGH CAMP a young writer waxes philosophic on the beauty of summer camp counseling

By Christopher Winslow
Bulletin Humor Columnist

In this postmodern era of the 90s, people are signing up for volunteer jobs more than ever. These positions promise to offer everything from fun to serious knowledge. But to the real volunteers, the veteran counselors of summer camp, something is definitely missing from the experience. After school lets out, everyone sinks into their sleepy summer schedule, trying to avoid waking up if at all possible. Zzzzzzz. Days pass. Weeks pass. Months pass and we are still in front of the television. Bbbrrrrrringgg! Suddenly the phone rings and someone, obviously wishing death, has called to remind you of your annual duty as

camp counselor. Frantically searching your mind, you realize that yes, you have willingly signed up for another year of torture. Kicking yourself repeatedly gets old after a while. So, it is time to handle the situation. It is time to get into CAMP COUNSELOR MODE. The first day pulses with excitement... for the kids. Counselors must first attend a mandatory meeting to remind them not to beat the children—as if they recruited all counselors at Pee Wee's playhouse. You are also given your class assignments. Joy.

classes for the fourth straight year in a row. In the morning you shall teach Arts & Crafts. The complexity of this class is incredible. Two dollars spent on Popsicle sticks and pipe cleaners from Wal-Mart instantly entertains children for hours. Your afternoon will be spent "teaching" Outdoor Safari, otherwise known as Walking Through a Swamp Being Careful to Avoid the Variety of Poisonous Animals that Primarily Feed on Campers Enrolled in Outdoor Safari. All campers are then broken up into groups and sent to the cafeteria. You turn around and head for the trunk of food

stashed in your cabin where no one can find it. After choking down some white cheddar cheese popcorn and a Pop Tart, you herd the children and send them to bed. For some reason or another, actually sleeping the first night at camp is a real taboo among the campers. Taking a seat in the center of the cabin, you prepare for a long night. Sometime around 3 a.m., you hear a homesick kid wetting his bed. The fingers will be pointing tomorrow. The next few days go by and you begin to look at Friday's departure as some sort of sacred holiday. But it is only Wednesday and there is no enthusiasm and no energy. As you step into the cabin, a thick wall of funk hits you in the face. Then you remember. Ninety-nine percent of all children do not bathe unless told to do so. They always equated baths with swimming in the pool. Big mistake. What do little children do in the pool? By Wednesday night, you are disgusted with the whole thing. Camp used to be fun.

It used to be a whole lot cooler anyway. When did it go from cool to crud? Precisely when did camp begin to suck? Then, it hits you like a pie in the face. Camp was fun when you were a kid...



Karen Pearlman/Bullet
Senior Taylor Dupuis, hypnotized by Tom Deluca, partakes of one of a kid's favorite camp activities: drawing!

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audience. People wanted to be picked so badly, they were jumping up and down. By relaxing the volunteers, Deluca was able to put certain ideas, that they truly seemed to believe, in their heads. One young woman was so relaxed by Deluca's voice that she actually slid off of her chair. Deluca's volunteers made the audience laugh for over an hour. Two young women assumed the roles of "extra members" of the Spice Girls, and one individual appeared to be an alien from outer space. Additionally, one must not forget Bud Chan, Jackie Chan's "brother" who made his second annual appearance in George Washington Hall on Sunday. Many students who attended last year made a point to make it again this year, and I am sure Deluca will always receive a large and enthusiastic response on this campus. Everyone clearly enjoyed the show—even those who were hypnotized. Although freshmen Katie Nichols and Koonj Kapoor were unable to remember what they had done, sophomore Natalie Johnson was able to remember everything. "It was fun," Johnson said of why she had consented to put herself onstage and do silly things. Indeed, that seemed to be the general consensus among audience members on Sunday night.

If you are interested in writing for the Bulletin's Entertainment section, please contact Caroline c/o the Bulletin, MWC Box 604, or at 654-1133.

* * * Cheers. * * *

By Sarak Ardestani
Bulletin Astrologer

ARIES March 21 to April 20: Take a big bite out of a burrito and smile. It's fiesta time. Get all the chips and salsa together, because you deserve one last hoopla before you get back to the nitty, gritty of work. Live it up and party hard because once the dip is out, they'll be no refills for quite a while. **Love:** Don't sweat it—it's not worth it. **Advice:** In dealing with the difficult, think of the simple. **TAURUS** April 21 to May 21: Hot and wild is what you'll be when Uranus is done with you. He's leaving your house and you must know what hit you. Now you can become daring and do things that you never imagined you could do. So get back, and let your excitement roll. **Love:** Don't let another day pass without telling your love how you really feel about him/her. **Advice:** Smile at a stranger today, and make his/her day.

GEMINI May 22 to June 21: Ecstasy? You know you want it—so go and get it. There's no reason to keep yourself in the dark. Break on through to the other side and abandon any bit of depression that you've been latching onto. **Love:** Well, the ball was in your court—but now you have to re-serve. **Advice:** Peace and love to all your brothers and sisters.

CANCER June 22 to July 21: Mad props to Joe Mama. You have been a busy Cancer—extending yourself selflessly to all those around you. Your efforts have worked wonders for the friends that you've been helping. Your mother would be proud. **Love:**

Work it to your advantage. **Advice:** Enjoy those "small" moments.

LEO July 22 to Aug. 22: Make a little money and do a little dance. Mo' money is what you've been needing and Neptune has come to your rescue. He's offering you his thrifty ways so that you can make the most out of your back. Dance to this new found freedom with money and strike a pose. **Love:** Look to a fellow Leo for love. **Advice:** Be led by your heart.

VIRGO Aug. 23 to Sept. 23: Word to the mothership. Venus wants to cruise in your house this week, because you've done good. Not only have you done good, but you also look good too. Whatever it is that you've been doing, keep doing it—it's been working wonders. **Love:** Camps Diem, i.e. go get your mack on. **Advice:** Don't let fear get in the way of letting someone care about you.

LIBRA Sept. 24 to Oct. 23: Jump out of the closet and get funky. Add spark to your life by letting it all go. There's no more need to repress your desires because Jupiter's here to make you loose absolute control. Succumb to spontaneity and refuse to take life seriously. **Love:** Surprise your love with a piñata full of treasures. **Advice:** Be open to meeting different people. **SCORPIO** Oct. 24 to Nov. 23: Set up your traps and inhale!

Inhale the joys of life and send your problems away to no-man's land. With Mars in your house, you no longer need to feel powerless. Mars will offer you his strength and help you accomplish the achievements you've been after. **Love:** Cook your love an exotic, seductive dinner. **Advice:** Eat, drink and be flexible.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 24 to Dec. 22: Sit back and roll with your honeys. Sip a cup of Joe and relax. Now's the time to just chill and let life pass you by. Let your high get even higher. Enjoy time with friends and savor your special moments. There's no need for you to take life seriously right now. **Love:** What are you waiting for—get down and get your mack on. **Advice:** Ignore the bad in people and focus on the good.

CAPRICORN Dec. 23 to Jan. 20: Get on the soul train to good lovin'. Your train is making last calls and Venus wants you to hop on board. Pack your bags and get ready to trip into the new you. Now is the time to give yourself the love you need, and make

those character changes you've been meaning to make. **Love:** Make the move and make it happen. **Advice:** Floss before brushing your teeth.

AQUARIUS Jan. 21 to Feb. 19: Get down and get it on. Recently your life has made a 360 degree turn in the right direction. The changes you have made in your life were not easy to do—but you did it. Be proud of your sweet self. **Love:** Still confused? Sit back and chill—don't worry about it. **Advice:** Eliminate all negative thinking from your mind.

PISCES Feb. 20 to March 20: Trying to get the eight-ball into the corner pocket? The game is not yet over—you have to stop with the eight-balls and get back into the game. Mars is entering your house, bringing you strength to overcome whatever you aim for. Now's the perfect time for you to abandon any bad habits. **Love:** Keep it on the down low. **Advice:** Eat cheese in moderation.

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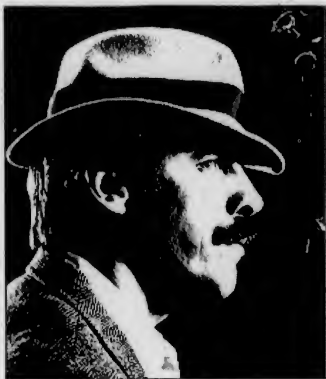
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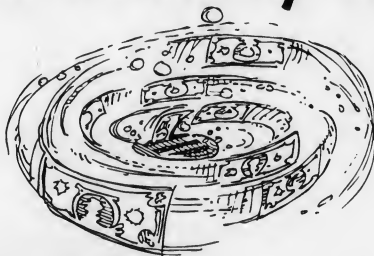
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The Movie Game

Simply link movie actors through their co-stars, like so:
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Here are this week's Movie Game matches:

This one is pretty easy:

Linda Fiorentino and Edward Norton

Here's one that's a little harder:

Kris Kristofferson and Nicholas Cage

Do you have any matches you would like to see in the Bulletin? Make up your own and send them to box 604 with the solutions. This week's solutions were provided by Chandra DasGupta.

Steve Buscemi and Marlon Brando

Steve Buscemi - Harvey Keitel (Reservoir Dogs); Harvey Keitel - Robert DeNiro (Taxi Driver); Robert DeNiro - Al Pacino (Heat); Al Pacino - Marlon Brando (The Godfather);

Claire Forlani and Sissy Spacek

Clair Forlani - Willem DeFoe (Basquiat); Willem DeFoe - Harrison Ford (Clear and Present Danger); Harrison Ford - Tommy Lee Jones (The Fugitive); Tommy Lee Jones - Sissy Spacek (Coal Miner's Daughter);

Send your solutions, and puzzle suggestions to the Bulletin at box 604 - Just write it down and drop it in the Campus Mail slot with our number. Next week we will print the answers and give two more exciting movie matches. Oh, and don't forget to put your name on it!

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of the income of young people, the Social Security tax eats at the earnings of new entrants in the job market.

Furthermore, it is ludicrous that a 16 year old receiving minimum wage should be forced to pay into a system that will provide a negative return on

his investment.

Ponzi went to jail for a good reason: it was inevitable that honest citizens would be short changed because of his schemes.

The same thing is beginning to happen with Franklin Roosevelt's Ponzi scheme.

Who will be punished for pillaging the savings of millions of Americans? Unless there is change, it will be Generation X.

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THINK page 3

have been told. TV news, then, is like movies: we sit, we watch, we listen, and, when it's done, we never think of it again.

Why is it that people would rather be told what to think than to think for themselves?

Why would people "rather sit and graze on popcorn, suck Coke, and be spoon-fed two hours of mindless violence and silliness than actually think and expand their horizons?" It is not because they do not want to think; it is because they have been convinced that they cannot.

The people can be blamed only insofar as society allows for individual insight.

People believe they cannot think because modern society is incomprehensible to them.

We come into daily contact with devices which we do not understand. Your Personal Computer, for example, do you know how it works? Or your cellular phone?

Mankind's advancements and achievements are leaving people feeling more insignificant and ignorant than ever before.

We have completed the circle; indeed, the world may be as unintelligible now as at the dawn of humanity when everything was inexplicable and mysterious.

Nature used to be our belittling force; now it is of our own making. Alas, it is a great paradox of civilization.

Every giant leap for mankind is, in fact, a step backward for man. Mankind's knowledge has, and will forever more, increased greatly, but the knowledge of the masses has lagged behind. (Ah, what a great era it must have been when the two fronts coincided!)

We can no longer keep up with the cutting edge. We have been betrayed by the world we have created. We have diminished our own importance.

And so we have come to rely on

the "experts" for our information, as if the experts' opinions count more than our own.

Think for a moment...how many times have you started a sentence, "They say..." When we are continuously confronted with things we cannot comprehend, we will naturally consider our thoughts inferior or invalid.

Thinking is something better left to those who know better than we.

We have, in effect, been convinced that we are not qualified to analyze the news, that we do not have the expertise to critique a movie or the experience to interpret a novel.

If the critics say a movie is good, then it is good and we damn well better like it - who are we to disagree?

We are just ignoramuses who have been left behind. Or are we?

Think about it.

John Osterman is a sophomore intended English major.

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simply because he got to live there, using Dr. Chirico's words "based on pulled strings by friends." (Chirico, Bulletin, 9/4/97).

We students need to pull ourselves

together, start real change from within, make ourselves heard, and maybe curb some of the power that Residence Life seems to enjoy over us.

Of course, this is just my opinion, and

I could be wrong.
S. Alex Szebehelyi - Coyner junior

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Scholars in Residence Participate in Living Experiences With Students

By Anne Mullins
Bulletin News Editor

The faculty has infiltrated the residence halls this year with the arrival of three scholars in residence: Elizabeth Freund in Randolph Hall, Carmen Gillespie in Ball Hall and Gary Brown in New Hall. The scholars reside in the apartments of the residence halls formerly occupied by head residents or assistant directors.

"The scholars in residence program is designed to make the on-campus living environment a 'companion piece' to formal course work. SIRs live in the residence halls, share their professional and personal interests with residents through programming, mentor residents in their academic or professional needs, and, in general act as accessible and friendly links between students and faculty," said Rick Surita, director of Residence Life.

Bernard Chirico, vice president of student affairs and dean of students, said that the plans for the program began at the start of the 1996-1997 academic year.

"I had the idea when I interviewed [for vice president of student affairs] to make more connections with the faculty," Chirico said.

Chirico and Surita talked last year about the possibility of a program that made those connections.

"Seventy percent of a college student's waking hours are spent in activities. This is a good opportunity for students to be involved in some kind of academic pursuit different than a classroom pursuit," Chirico said.

Freund said that she heard about the program when she interviewed for her position of assistant professor of political science at Mary Washington.

"I asked about faculty housing, and they mentioned this program. I had to fill out a separate application, and I was interviewed by Rick Surita, Dean Chirico and the [assistant directors]," Freund said.

Freund said that she liked the idea of a scholar in residence program and what it would give her the opportunity to do. She also had some experience as a resident scholar when she taught for a couple of years in Hong Kong.

"Academia is not a nine to five job. I would want to offer more," Freund said.

Gillespie also heard about the program on her interview for the position of assistant professor of English, linguistics and speech and liked the idea.

"The program sounded like an intriguing possibility. The idea of having a context for interacting with students appealed to me," Gillespie said.

Brown, an assistant professor of biology and the only scholar who is not new to MWC, heard about the program through a faculty friend.

The SIRs, according to Freund, attempt to make the faculty more human and approachable. The scholars' various duties include holding a weekly office hour in which students can come by and talk about anything. "The talks can be career oriented or about study skills,"



Karen Pearlman/Bulletin

Randolph Hall becomes home for Elizabeth Freund, scholar in residence, and her family. Freund is one of three scholars in residence living on campus.

Gillespie said.

Gillespie also plans to hold open houses so students can get a chance to know her and feel comfortable coming to her. She feels that the position will provide her a chance to mentor in a general way.

Brown also liked the program for its opportunity to mentor others.

"I'm very interested in mentoring students and this will provide more of a chance for students to have access to me," Brown said.

The SIRs also have a responsibility to provide intellectual programs for students.

"There are few formal requirements or prescribed duties, but participants are expected to become involved in the residential community, be available for academic advising, arrange occasional seminars/programs, workshops and other activities in conjunction with the staff of residence life and housing and encourage other faculty members to take part in these programs and activities," Surita said.

Freund stressed, however, that she is not involved with residence life in the aspect of running the residence hall. "I'm not the oldest RA," Freund said.

According to Freund, she will provide academic opportunities outside the classroom such as foreign films, a guest speaker or field trips.

Gillespie said that she plans on focusing some of her programs on the Caribbean after her recent return from Barbados. One of her ideas is to view and discuss a film. She also mentioned planning a women's issues discussion on feminism possibly entitled, "I'm Not a Feminist But..."

Brown said that one of his programs would focus on genetics since that is his specialty in biology. His program would probably focus on the recent advancements in

cloning.

Chirico said that these programs will be supported by the SIR program.

"We can provide some money and people to help make the programs come about," Chirico said.

Surprisingly, returning to the residence halls has been an easy transition for the scholars.

Gillespie feels that residence life has been very accommodating.

"The staffs of Virginia, Madison and Ball Halls sent me flowers," Gillespie said.

Gillespie also thinks about the transition of her five-year-old daughter, Chelsea, but feels that she has adjusted well.

"Chelsea being here is part of the experience," Gillespie said. "She's in first grade at Hugh Mercer [School] and loves taking the bus."

For Freund, the adjustment was a little more involved but no less welcome. Her husband, Thomas Larus, and their 10-month-old son, Thomas Jr., live in Randolph as well. Freund said that her husband and son enjoy the company of the students and that this experience provides a more social atmosphere for them.

At first, though, Freund had some concern about living in a freshmen residence hall with a child.

"Residence life put up some soundproofing especially in the baby's room," Freund said.

Although noise has not been a problem so far, Freund said that she had prepared for the worst and had bought earplugs for herself.

The only real adjustment Freund cited concerned the loss of privacy.

"I have to be careful because I will always be in the public eye," Freund said.

While this is the first year for the SIR program, this is

not the first time that a scholar has lived in a residence hall. During the spring 1997 semester, Bruce O'Brien, assistant professor of history and American studies, lived in Randolph Hall.

"I made the decision to start with one position in order to see how successful the program would be as well as a starting point for the program," Surita said.

While Chirico and Surita planned the program during the first semester of the 1996-1997 year, O'Brien was planning his return to MWC after completing a year and a half of a two-year leave. According to O'Brien, he had rented his house for the full two years of his leave and had no place to live.

He seemed a perfect candidate for the pilot of the SIR program. Not only was he in the right place at the right time, but he also had some experience as a scholar in residence.

"Every summer I go to London with students [from MWC]. All of us lived together for the first two years," O'Brien said.

O'Brien said that his experience as the first SIR worked well as a pilot because it uncovered what would and would not work. According to O'Brien, one of the most important things he did uncover was that a scholar should stay in the residence hall for an entire year.

During O'Brien's short, one-semester stay as a scholar in residence, he planned a medieval fair as one of his programs.

"I wanted to think of something in my field. The medieval fair had a cultural and intellectual component," O'Brien said.

O'Brien said that he and the students performed a morality play entitled "Mankind" and listened to medieval music provided by a music group called Sonus. Even the Wood Company, the food service contractor at MWC, joined the program and provided a 15th century feast.

O'Brien passed his experiences on to some of the new SIRs by making himself available for questions about the program.

Surita expressed pleasure with the SIRs this year and is very optimistic about the program.

"I believe we have three wonderful SIRs with a considerable amount of experiences that they are willing to share with our student body. These three SIRs should be applauded for their desire to be a part of a program that brings learning opportunities out of the classrooms and into the residence halls," Surita said.

The current SIRs share an excitement for what the program has in store for them.

"I feel that it's an honor [being a SIR] especially at the beginning of the program. I encourage all students to come by and knock. That's what I'm here for," Gillespie said.

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